

Gatwick flight delays to rise as terminal is postponed

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

The opening of the much-needed second terminal at Gatwick airport, Britain's second-busiest, has been postponed until 1988 because of spending cuts.

The £200 million north terminal had been due to open next spring.

Passengers already facing severe congestion, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays, with long queues at morning and evening peak hours from June to September, may have still longer waits, and flights may have to be diverted to Stansted. Gatwick is London's fastest growing airport, and is expected to take another two million passengers a year before the new terminal opens.

Passengers last year, at 15.4 million, were a million up on 1984.

The north terminal was intended to increase capacity by nine million to 25 million passengers a year.

However, spending on it coincided with the start of work on a new terminal at Stansted, costing £295 million; and at Heathrow Airport, work costing £90 million on terminal three; and completion of the £200 million terminal four.

The British Airports Authority said yesterday that the spending limit of £15 million imposed by the Government for the present year was "tighter than we expected".

The authority which is to be sold off for about £500 million under the Government's privatization programme next year, added: "We can just about squeeze another million through the existing terminal, with increasing discomfort to passengers, but beyond that it looks as if passengers and flights will simply have to be turned away."

● Air UK, Stansted airport's chief scheduled airline, is to introduce six new routes to the airport in the next four years, adding flights to destinations in West Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Denmark to the present services to Amsterdam, Paris and Brussels.

The airline, which was formed in 1980 as part of the British and Commonwealth Shipping Company, uses other British airports, but expects to be carrying a quarter of a million passengers a year from Stansted by 1990. At present it has a fleet of 20 aircraft. The airline hopes to run twice-daily flights to Frankfurt, and one flight a day to Düsseldorf, from next year, and begin services to Zurich and Geneva in 1988, with another to Copenhagen in 1989, and to Milan in 1990, a year before the new terminal at Stansted is expected to open. However it says that flying rights still have to be negotiated for some of those.

Thatcher reviews football violence

By John Goodbody, Sports News Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's enthusiasm for combating football hooliganism with national identity cards appears to have waned because crowds at League grounds in the past year have behaved better, with arrests down by 50 per cent.

However the Prime Minister emphasized the need for vigilance if the improvement is to be maintained, after a one-and-a-quarter-hour meeting at Downing Street yesterday with ministers and football officials.

Mr Ted Croker, secretary of the Football Association, said that further pressure would be put on clubs to extend their membership card scheme, but added: "The Prime Minister did not put unreasonable pressure on us because of what happened last season." The League's clubs have fiercely opposed a national scheme because it would eliminate casual supporters and so greatly reduce attendances.

The Prime Minister had originally proposed a scheme of identity cards for spectators after crowd trouble last year at Birmingham, Luton and Chelsea, and last May's European Cup Final disaster in Brussels where 39 supporters died.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday described the fans at the World Cup in Mexico as "superb".



Mrs Thatcher after yesterday's meeting with football officials (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Services slow for mentally disabled

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Progress in providing better services for mentally handicapped people in Britain has been "disappointingly slow", partly through a lack of political will, according to a report published yesterday.

The number of people in National Health Service mental handicap hospitals has fallen by a third in the past 15 years, with an 80 per cent drop in the number of children in such units.

But the report said that a further 50 per cent of all patients could leave hospital and live in more suitable homes or hostels if more resources were available.

The report, by Mencap, the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults and the Office of Health Economics, coincides with the charity's fortieth anniversary and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's twenty-fifth year as patron.

Last night the Queen Mother was guest of honour at a Mencap reception at St James's Palace, London, attended by the Prime Minister, Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr David Steel.

"Mental Handicap: Partnership in the Community," by Jean Taylor and David Taylor (OHE-Mencap, 12 Whitehall, London SW1A 2DY, £1.50).

Brothers and sister die after house fire

By a Staff Reporter

Two young brothers and their sister, aged 11 months, died yesterday after fire swept through a bedroom in a terrace house in Neath Hill, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Two Milton Keynes police officers and neighbours formed a chain to rescue two of the children trapped by the fire which broke out in an upstairs bedroom at about 7am, but they were beaten back by the heat and smoke.

Fire crews, who arrived at the scene shortly afterwards, were able to reach two other children who were still trapped upstairs, and one of the rescuers, Police Constable Peter Hyatt, who had collapsed from smoke inhalation.

The four children and their mother, Mrs Jacqueline Toobey, were taken to Milton Keynes General Hospital but Ben Toobey, aged three, his brother, Lee, aged seven, and his sister, Kayleigh, aged 11 months, died soon after arriving.

Their mother suffered shock and smoke inhalation but was not seriously hurt.

The hospital spokesman said the fourth child, Jody Toobey, aged two, was in a stable condition in the intensive care ward.

The police do not suspect foul play.

Public favours housing in the South, poll says

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Criticism of new housing development in the South-east by the main political parties, was not a potential vote winner, according to a MORI opinion poll published yesterday.

The survey indicates that the two issues of development of land for new housing and conservation, are not concerns of the voting public.

Only 11 per cent of respondents cited conservation of the countryside as an issue which might affect their voting habits at a general election.

The poll, for the House-Builders Federation, showed that 87 per cent of respondents in the South-east believed that Britain needed more houses. A majority of the 1,100 people asked said they were in favour of new housebuilding in their area — 55 per cent compared with 22 per cent against.

Where new housebuilding had already taken place, 44 per cent regarded it as fairly, or very beneficial to their area, while 41 per cent thought it had had no effect or had no opinion. Only 15 per cent believed it had a detrimental effect.

However, 83 per cent of the respondents said they valued the Green Belt.

Mr Roger Humber, director of the House-Builders Federation, said: "Politicians listening to the siren-voices of the conservationists, have perceived attacks on new housing developments to be election winners and have been greening their policies. But this survey shows that they have been wasting their time."

"People want more new houses in the South-east and they want a decent environment."

Telegraph complaint rejected

The Daily Telegraph was not obliged to print all of a dissenting letter from the Black Parents Association, which was considerably longer than its original article, the Press Council said today.

Mrs Greta Akpeneye, of Camberwell Green, south-east London, complained that the paper published misleading articles about the organization and declined to publish its full reply or a summarized version.

In a three-paragraph addition to a story about Brixton, the newspaper had reported that the Black Parents Association had emerged as another organization involved in stirring up feelings.

The paper later reported a protest from the organization which it described as an extreme left pressure group.

Stricter rules for burials

New burial procedures will be used at cemeteries in a South Wales town after a year-long inquiry into a shallow graves scandal.

The inquiry was launched after relatives discovered some coffins were buried just inches below the surface at Cefn Coed cemetery, near Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan.

Merthyr Borough Council announced yesterday that they will pay for remedial action and cover the cost of any more exhumations or work to make existing plots deeper.

The council's panel of inquiry report said machinery had been used improperly to open plots for burials, coffins were buried too shallow and inaccurate cemetery records had been kept.

Plastic bullets 'could set off shooting war'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A secret manual for the police says that the use of plastic bullets might set off a shooting war in the streets, according to research done for the BBC2 television programme, Brass Tacks, tonight.

Mr Alph Hutchinson, project leader of Birmingham Youth Volunteers, speaking in the programme, Arms of the Law, quotes what he calls an old saying "that you have to fight fire with fire". He was worried, he said, that if the police used plastic bullets that people who had guns in the community would be using them to fight back.

The programme corroborates evidence from Brixton, reported in The Times yesterday, that the use of plastic bullets would encourage rioters to use guns. A paper for Brixton's Community/Police Consultative Group said there was no shortage of illegally held guns in Brixton.

Weapons seized or handed in over the years by the West Midlands police include rifles with telescopic sights, rifles with rapid reloading action, an automatic Kalashnikov, made

Army, Smith & Wesson revolvers, Magnums, a Sterling sub-machine-gun, and dozens of shotguns.

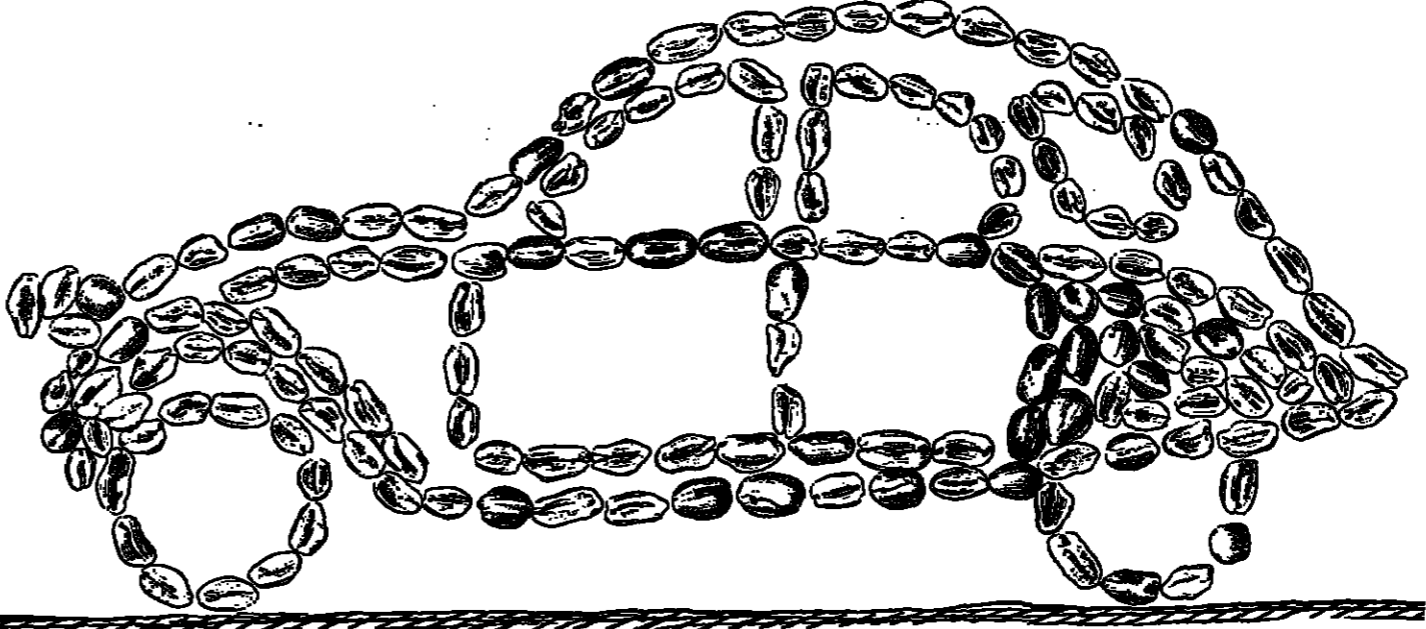
The firearms department of the police force says that it has no idea how many shotguns there are in the area, but 15,531 people living in the West Midlands have shotgun certificates.

Mr Geoffrey Dear, chief constable of West Midlands Police, is asked in the programme how seriously he takes the possibility of an armed response. Mr Dear replies: "There could be."

Commenting on talk in Handsworth that the response to plastic bullets would be shotguns, grenades or whatever, Mr Dear said he would hope it was loose talk.

He said: "I do not really think there is a guerrilla army waiting to come into action if we use plastic bullets." But there was still the risk of some sort of escalation.

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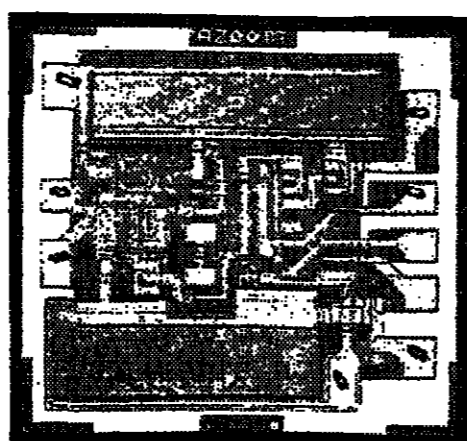
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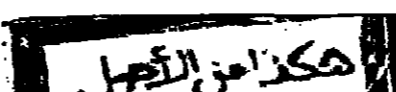
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Rethink in Commonwealth as US shifts on sanctions

Senate pressure forces Reagan to modify his policy on Pretoria

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan is set to unveil modifications to his battered constructive engagement policy towards South Africa...

from present policy, the Administration may raise the possibility of future sanctions if Pretoria refuses to begin serious talks.

agenda is already seriously overcrowded in the run-up to the November elections. The revised policy may be announced formally in a speech by President Reagan...

Mugabe warns against break-up

From Jan Raath Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, has cautioned members of the Commonwealth against leaving the group in reprisal for Britain's refusal to impose comprehensive sanctions against South Africa.



Syrian soldiers patrolling a west Beirut checkpoint yesterday in a search for gunmen who clashed in the Muslim sector. It was the first outbreak of violence in the city for 12 days.

Party of God casts shadow over Syrian security plan

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

It is a truth universally acknowledged - at least in Lebanon - that security plans fail. But perhaps it is still too early to claim this fate for Syria's latest military initiative in west Beirut.

ample, the Hezbollah, objecting to the searches carried out by Lebanese troops on the road, opened fire on the soldiers, wounding two of them while sustaining two casualties of their own.

barracks, not far from the international airport, after gunmen in a BMW car intercepted him as he was driving to a bank.

Buthelezi backs Thatcher

By Sheila Gunn Political Staff

Strong backing for Mrs Margaret Thatcher's stand against full sanctions came from Chief Buthelezi, leader of 1.3 million South African blacks, when he pleaded with the West to do nothing rather than give in to pressure for more action against Pretoria.

Malaysia decides to boycott Games

From M. G. G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia yesterday withdrew from the Commonwealth Games, joining African countries to protest against what it terms as Britain's half-hearted response to tougher economic sanctions against South Africa.

organization once played. Kuala Lumpur has thrown in its lot fully with the Third World members of the Commonwealth and tends to follow their lead on big issues.

Kinnock makes plea to UN

By Mark Dowd

Mandatory comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa should be imposed by the United Nations Security Council, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said yesterday.

TV crew filmed secret interviews

By Mark Dowd

In an undercover operation designed to beat government reporting restrictions, a British television crew spent three weeks in June and July in the region surrounding Cape Town, skirting police patrols and road blocks.

Home-grown industry gave birth to new jet fighter

By Mark Dowd

A white doctor who works in the squatter camps on the periphery of Cape Town says police vehicles shielded the widewalks during skirmishes in May, playing a vital role in ensuring the eventual bloody confrontation.

How Botha beat UN arms embargo

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

Armscor - the Armaments Corporation of South Africa - was established in its present form in 1977 after the United Nations imposed an international embargo on sales of arms to Pretoria.

Before the arms embargo South Africa produced a mere 10 per cent of its armaments needs. Now it is more than 90 per cent self-sufficient. The embargo has proved a serious obstacle only to aircraft procurement.

appearance the Cheetah strongly resembles Israel's Kfir, also a Mirage-based single-seat fighter-bomber. In March South Africa unveiled its first home-grown helicopter gunship, the Alpha XH1. This was only a prototype, and it is not known when production will start.

Armscor claims to have sold arms to 100 clients in 20 different countries, but refuses to reveal the amount of this trade or the countries concerned. Early last year there were reports that Iraq had bought 100 GS howitzers.



Advertisement for National Trust books. It features a list of book titles and prices, such as 'The Coast of Britain/WHSMITH/£4.95', 'National Trust Long Walks/Weidenfeld & Nicolson/£2.95', and 'Gardens of the National Trust/Weidenfeld & Nicolson/£2.95'. The text encourages readers to visit WHSMITH bookshops to see the books and order them through a free book ordering service.

Refugee fight at German centre

Bonn - Lebanese and Ghanaians, who are among the flood of refugees who have been pouring into West Germany via East Berlin in the last few weeks, brawled early yesterday in a refugee centre at Deggendorf in the Rhineland (Frank Johnson writes).

11 jailed for massacre

Ayacucho, Peru (Reuter) - A court here has sentenced 11 police officers to between 10 and 25 years imprisonment for killing 32 Indian peasants in a massacre on municipal election day in November 1983.

Hassan rests

Rabat (Reuter) - King Hassan of Morocco has been advised by his doctors to rest because of overwork and will postpone a visit to Washington due to start on July 22.

Vienna polls

Vienna (Reuter) - Austrian general elections will be held on April 5, Herr Peter Schieder, general secretary of the Socialist Party, senior partner in the government coalition, said yesterday.

Mubarak trip

Rome (AP) - President Mubarak of Egypt met the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi, and leading financial officials yesterday during the first stop on a European tour to seek support for his country's economic needs.

In the red

Peking (Reuter) - An instrument factory in China has announced it is bankrupt, the first since the Communists took power in 1949.

New cardinal

Vatican City (Reuter) - The Pope has named Father Hans Groer, aged 62, a Benedictine monk, to succeed Cardinal Franz König as Archbishop of Vienna.



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East and West Germans clash in 'defection' mystery

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

East and West Germany were last night locked in a dispute over a leading East German official, Herr Herbert Meissner, who may or may not have defected to West Germany.

Herr Meissner, aged 59, spent yesterday inside the East German diplomatic mission in Bonn. He suddenly turned up there after apparently having defected last week. A day of increasingly complicated exchanges was brought to a climax with the West Germans saying that the Chief Federal Public Prosecutor, Herr Kurt Rebmann, would investigate Herr Meissner on suspicion of espionage.

But this did not necessarily mean Herr Meissner had been a "plant" or a spy — it was possible that the announcement of an investigation was merely a device to prevent Herr Meissner leaving West Germany if it became clear that East German diplomats were trying to get him out of the country against his will.

The affair began when the East German News Agency reported on Tuesday evening that Herr Meissner had been kidnapped while on an official visit to West Berlin, taken to the West German intelligence service offices in Munich, deprived of his passport and documents and forced to help West German intelligence gathering.

Nicaragua celebrates revolution as US strengthens covert aid for Contras

Build-up of troops in Honduras challenged

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

America's military presence in Honduras, consolidated for more than three years without congressional approval or oversight, has emerged as a key Democratic weapon to discredit President Reagan's attempts to destabilize the Sandinista Government of Nicaragua.

A military build-up is gathering pace at a time when Congress has again cleared the way for the Central Intelligence Agency to resume direct support of the anti-Sandinista Contras, most of whom are based in rough camps in the jungles of Honduras along the border with Nicaragua.

In 3½ years of silent build-up in Central America's poorest country, the US has established a routine programme of "exercises" that constantly keep at least 1,200 troops in the country on six-month tours.

The State Department, stung by criticism of the Administration's prominent role in Honduras, issued a formal statement saying: "The US does not have, nor does the US plan to establish, a permanent military presence in Honduras."

The heart of the military



Nicaraguans parading through the capital, Managua, to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the Sandinista guerrillas' victory over the troops of former President Somoza.

machine is the Palmerola air base, a sprawling complex of tents and wooden huts wedged between mountain ranges.

Nearly three years ago when I went there, plans were already under way to extend the runway to 8,000 ft, capable of handling virtually any cargo or fighter plane. That project has been completed without congressional approval.

The US also has an airstrip

at Golosón on the north coast, built at a cost of \$3 million (\$5.36 million) and capable of handling most military planes. In total, nine combat airfields have been built or improved as part of President Reagan's campaign to intimidate Nicaragua.

There are now two radar stations; many new and improved strategically situated roads (particularly in border

areas); a network of tank traps; one, perhaps two, air intelligence installations for spying on Nicaragua; hosts of new and strengthened bridges; and a range of other US-provided facilities designed to maintain an indefinite military presence.

Much more is planned. The Pentagon has a \$30 million five-year construction programme that includes the \$1.6

million facility for a pilotless drone used in aerial intelligence gathering, and \$5 million for improving housing and work areas at Palmerola, together with another \$22 million for extensive overall upgrading of the base.

The US military facilities in Honduras are generally regarded as far from adequate for an all-out attack on Nicaragua. Ports and airfields, even with the improvements, could handle only small numbers of ships and planes simultaneously.

But senior Democrats believe the build-up could eventually ensure the US in a direct military confrontation with Nicaragua. They are determined to challenge the Administration to justify what is regarded as a futile attempt to raise America's military strength in the region.

There is considerable uneasiness about the continual US presence among Honduran Army officers and politicians who feel the country's sovereignty and dignity are being affronted.

However, much-needed American aid sweetens the pill and the Honduran military has benefited greatly. Since 1981, it has received direct aid of \$288 million and another \$188 million has been proposed by the Administration in 1987.

Honduras's main fear is that a future Administration will disengage abruptly from the country, leaving it to deal with the disintegrating Contra force of perhaps 20,000 men, plus their families.

Praise by Reagan for Pakistan 'bravery'

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Russia was repeatedly violating Pakistan's sovereignty in its war in Afghanistan, President Reagan said yesterday.

He was welcoming Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, Pakistan's Prime Minister, at a military ceremony on the White House lawn. He said that the United States deeply admired Pakistan's "steadfastness and bravery" in its "noble stand".

The world should note that in pursuit of its "neo-colonial war of aggression against Afghanistan, the Soviets have repeatedly violated Pakistan's sovereignty", he said.

Mr Junejo arrived here yesterday evening on a three-day visit which, according to a senior American official, marks strong Administration approval of Pakistan's recent transition from military to civilian rule.

His talks with President Reagan and Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, will include American support for the Afghan rebels, concern about nuclear proliferation, and the illegal export of opium from Pakistan.

The Reagan Administration has emphasized that relations between the two countries are "excellent".

Sir Geoffrey's busy two weeks

Little time allowed for quiet thinking

By Rodney Cowton

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, will be in Washington today and tomorrow for talks with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, on South Africa.

His transatlantic sortie follows closely behind his travels in southern Africa last week and marks the continuation of a remarkably busy period for Sir Geoffrey since he took over as chairman of the EEC's Council of Ministers at the beginning of the month. Sir Geoffrey is due to travel to South Africa next week to see President Botha in Pretoria.

The diary below covers most of Sir Geoffrey's engagements during the past two weeks.

It shows how little time he has had for simply sitting at his desk and thinking, or even consulting his staff, except when travelling.

Monday, June 30: Attended opening of Eureka ministerial conference. Meeting and lunch with Mrs Thatcher. Meeting with the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Gave an interview to an American newspaper. Received the Foreign Minister of Austria. Received the Moroccan Minister of Foreign Affairs and hosted dinner for him.

Tuesday, July 1: Meeting of Foreign Office ministers. Meeting with a group of European parliamentarians. Met President Richard von Weizsäcker of West Germany. Lunch with the Daily Mail. Gave a closed-circuit television press conference from London for EEC journalists in Brussels. Attended a banquet given by the Queen for the West German President.

Wednesday, July 2: Received a call from the Foreign Minister of Norway. Attended the address to Parliament given by President Weizsäcker. Gave speech to Foreign Press Association. Attended a lunch given by the Prime Minister for the West German President. Attended talks between the Prime Minister and President Weizsäcker. Received the British High Commissioner to India. Met the West German Foreign Minister. Gave a speech to a Conservative audience in London.

Thursday, July 3: Meeting with the Secretary of State for

Defence. Cabinet meeting. Meeting with the Prime Minister. Received the New Zealand High Commissioner. Call by the Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister. Meeting with the Foreign Office Permanent Under-Secretary. Attended a dinner for President Weizsäcker.

Friday, July 4: Visited a Foreign Office establishment in Buckinghamshire. Reception for the Soviet Ambassador. Attended the East Surrey Conservative Association Summer Ball.

Saturday, July 5: Constituency engagements.

Sunday, July 6: Working at his official residence at Chevening, Kent.

Monday, July 7: Statement to House of Commons on mission to southern Africa. Received call from president of Spanish Employers' Federation. Received call from US special representative to the United Nations. Interview with BBC. Appeared before Commons foreign affairs committee.

Tuesday, July 8: Speech to European Parliament in Strasbourg. Left for Zambia.

Wednesday, July 9: Talks with President Kaunda in Lusaka. Flew to Zimbabwe.

Thursday, July 10: Talks with Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, in Harare.

Friday, July 11: Talks with President Machel of Mozambique. Left Mozambique for London.

Saturday, July 12: Arrived London.

Sunday, July 13: Working at Chevening.

Monday, July 14: Morning and afternoon devoted to discussions with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister. Accompanied Mr Shevardnadze to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Tuesday, July 15: Morning devoted to talks with Mr Shevardnadze, and attended a lunch given by the Soviet Foreign Minister. Following a reception, he gave a speech to the European Atlantic Group.

Wednesday, July 16: Received a farewell call from Mr Shevardnadze and was called on by the President of Botswana. Spoke in the House of Commons debate on South Africa.

Cosmonauts back after 125 days in space

Moscow (Reuters) — The Soviet cosmonauts Leonid Kizim and Vladimir Solovyov yesterday returned to Earth after 125 days in space during which they worked on the new Mir orbiting station.

The Tass news agency said the Soyuz T 15 descent module landed at Arkalyk in the republic of Kazakhstan. During their voyage, Commander Kizim, aged 44, and Engineer Solovyov, aged 39, transferred to the Salyut 7 orbiting station to fetch equipment.

Soviet scientists have suggested that Salyut 7, on which the two men set a 238-day space endurance record in 1984, might soon go out of operation. Mir, launched in February, is the core of a giant laboratory intended to become the first permanently

500 injured in Dhaka during football riots

From Ahmed Fazi, Dhaka

About 500 people, including a score of policemen, were injured and cars were burnt as riots broke out among supporters of rival football clubs on Tuesday night, hospital sources and eye-witnesses said.

The police used tear gas and staves against frenzied mobs who stabbed people and hurled petrol bombs. A dozen cars were set on fire and the police arrested more than 50 people.

The riots began when supporters of the Mohammedan Sporting Club and the Brothers Union, rivals for top honours in the local football league, fought in the crowded stadium after the players had come to blows over a contro-

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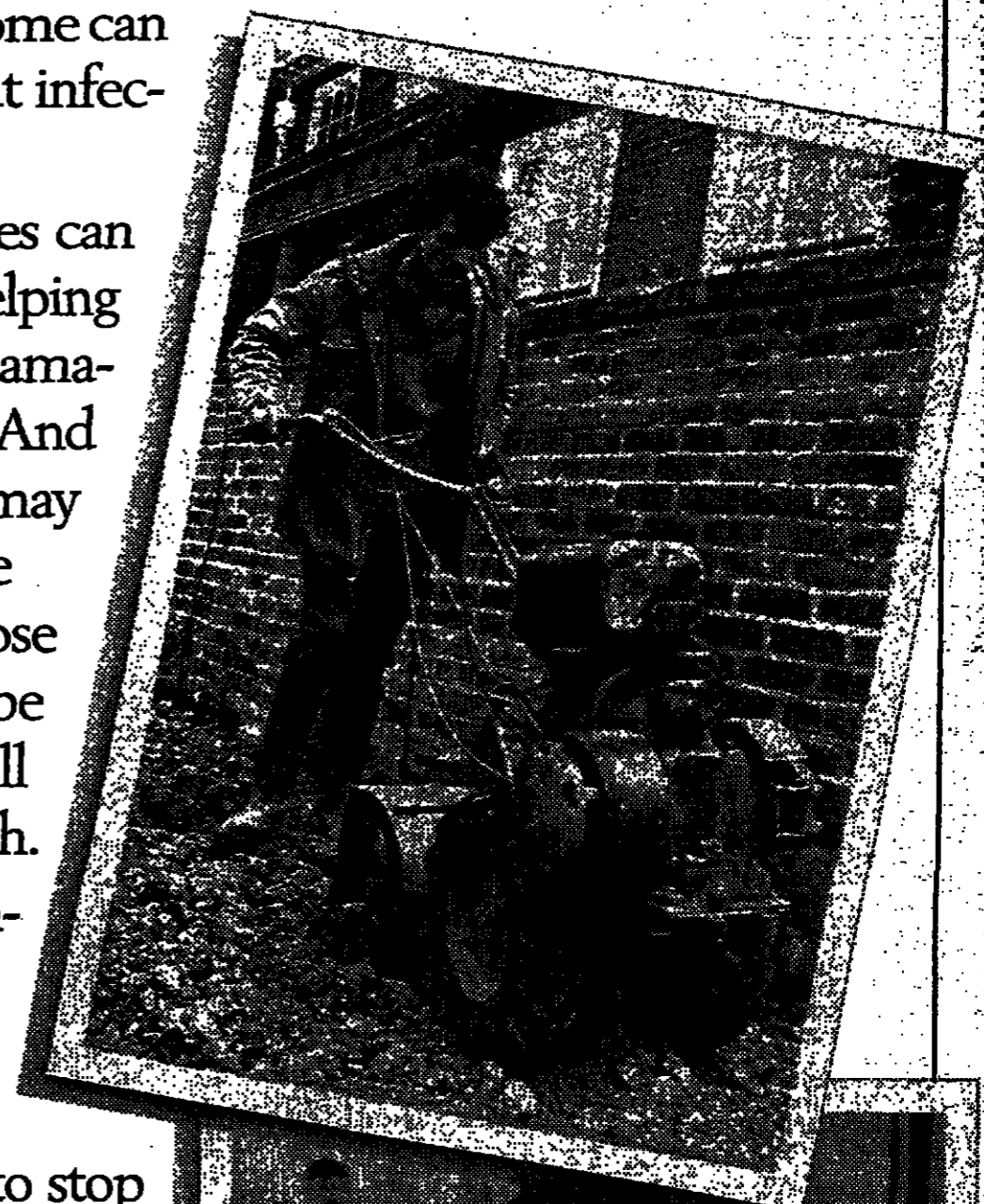


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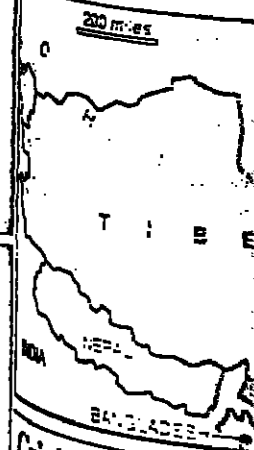


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Crisis on poll
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Malta is entering a political
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to dissolve the
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Crash housing programme for Chernobyl evacuees

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Soviet authorities are undertaking a crash programme to provide housing for the winter for every family of the 100,000 people evacuated from their homes in the 18-mile exclusion zone around the crippled Chernobyl nuclear reactor.

Four thousand homes are being built in the Gomel region of Byelorussia and a further 7,250 in Ukraine. They will be followed by a second stage of construction to include new schools, laundries, hospitals, kindergartens, canteens, social clubs, post offices and other amenities for the evacuees.

No official figure has been provided for the cost of the programme, which in Byelorussia alone is involving 3,000 people working round the clock in two shifts, but unofficial estimates put the total in tens of millions of roubles.

Western diplomatic sources yesterday described the new details of the resettlement programme as confirmation of speculation that it may be years, even decades, before many of the evacuees can return to their former homes.

The authorities have been reluctant to spell out how long the exclusion zone will have to remain empty for fear of causing ill-feeling among the evacuees, many of whom were farm workers reluctant to leave their land despite the radiation risks.

In the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, one Soviet source told me that evacuees recently rehoused there were expected never to leave.

The government newspaper *Izvestia* reported this week from Gomel that many of the evacuees in Byelorussia had been angered when they discovered housing settlements were being built a long way from their former homes, rather than close to them as originally planned.

A senior Soviet construction official told the paper that shortage of manpower in the

area close to the evacuees' original homes had been one reason for the relocation.

Another was a medical decision that it would be better for the evacuees to be resettled away from areas of high "background radiation" because they had already "undergone the influence of radiation" before evacuation.

Asked how the evacuees had reacted to the change of site, the official said: "I cannot say that everybody was happy. They wanted to return close to their region, but we honestly explained everything to them." "The families had received 'big money compensation' sufficient to replace possessions they had been forced to abandon.

Meanwhile, the man who has become the best known face on Soviet television, Mr Alexander Krutov, has been given a special award by the Soviet Union of Journalists for his reports on the aftermath of the disaster, which set a new standard in the state-controlled media.

Mr Krutov and his cameraman, Mr Yevgeny Shmatkov, who received a similar award, were in the disaster region for about a month, providing almost nightly reports which included interviews with rescue workers and footage shot over the wrecked plant.

Reporting the award, the official newspaper *Sovetskaya Kultura* said it had been made in recognition of work undertaken in dangerous conditions. It explained that Mr Krutov, who is normally based in Moscow, had refused to wear protective clothing.

"What kind of emotions would have been aroused among television viewers if they had seen the correspondent dressed in protective clothing with breathing apparatus?" it asked.

No details were given of whether the reporter had suffered any ill-effects.

Death sentence for Haiti police chief

Port-au-Prince (Reuter, AP) — Haiti's former Security Police chief under the dictators Francois and Jean-Claude Duvalier was found guilty of murder and torture yesterday and sentenced to death.

The sentence was announced at the end of an 18-hour trial at the Palace of Justice that was broadcast live on television.

The 12-man jury found Luc Desyr, aged 61, the former Security Police chief, guilty without extenuating circumstances of illegal arrest, jailing, torture and murder.

The court immediately sentenced Desyr to death. Execution in Haiti is generally by shooting.

Desyr maintained his innocence and declared: "I am a Christian; I am a convinced Baptist." Mr Leon Duplont, his lawyer, said he would appeal against the sentence.

The court heard that during the 28 years they ruled Haiti, the Duvaliers used the secret police to torture and intimidate opponents.

Francois Duvalier died in 1971 and his son, Jean-Claude, fled from Haiti in February of this year and is now in exile in France.

During the trial, Desyr denied ever having seen the person who accused him of torture and murder.

"I don't know this man," he said of Mr Emmanuel Ambroise, aged 74, an education minister in pre-Duvalier Haiti. "I maintain my innocence."

Three other former leaders of the Duvalier-era secret police, known as the Tontons Macoute, are accused of



Luc Desyr, the former Haitian Security Police chief, under heavy guard during his trial for murder in Port-au-Prince.

same crimes and are being tried in absentia.

Mr Ambroise testified that Desyr arrested him illegally 27 years ago, and tortured him in a small room in the National Palace.

He also accused Desyr of murdering his brother, Jean-

Jacques Dessalines Ambroise, and his brother's pregnant wife.

"I thought they were sadistic animals fulfilling their instincts," Mr Ambroise, the only witness to take the stand on Tuesday, said of the secret police.

In his testimony, Mr Ambroise estimated that more than 60,000 Haitians were killed during the 28-year Duvalier family rule.

The three men being tried in absentia are Mr Elois Maitre, Mr Jean Tassy and Mr Lionel Woolley.

Crew share the blame for Dallas air crash

Washington (Reuter) — The crew of a Delta Airlines aircraft, airline authorities and the weather have been blamed for a crash at Dallas last year, in which 136 people died.

The National Transportation Safety Board said the probable causes of the accident on August 2 were the crew's decision to fly into a storm cloud, its inadequate training on how to avoid and escape from wind shear, and the lack of information on dangerous weather ahead.

The 11-month investigation found evidence that the Delta Lockheed L 1011 crashed because it flew into a rapidly developing thunderstorm and encountered powerful wind shear — a strong burst of wind that suddenly changes direction — which caused it to rapidly lose air speed.

Mr Hollis Harris, the senior vice-president of Delta Airlines, said he was "shocked and dismayed at the board's misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the facts". He said the company had complied with all requirements set down for training on handling wind shear.

Captain Richard Stone, a Delta pilot who headed a union investigation into the crash, said the crew had no reason to suspect it was flying into wind shear.

Little hope for trapped Australian coalminers

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

Twelve miners were feared dead in an explosion almost a mile down a Queensland coal mine yesterday.

Eight hours after the blast there was still uncertainty about the location of the trapped men, but the presence of poisonous fumes left little chance of survival.

Rescue workers were said to have reached within 100 yards of the blast area, but were driven back by poisonous fumes and the danger of further explosions.

It was the worst Australian mining accident in more than a decade. The last disaster, which claimed 13 lives, occurred in the same small coal mining community, Moura in central Queensland.

Officials said the explosion appeared to have been caused by methane gas, but there was no explanation of how it had ignited.

Danger from fumes last night caused authorities to declare a disaster area within a three-mile radius of the mine.

Hopes for the men rested on an attempt to sink a new shaft overnight, but officials said even if there had been survivors they would have run out of air before they could be reached.

India's border row with China erupts

Delhi (Reuter) — A row has broken out between India and China over their border only days before the two countries are to resume tortuous negotiations on a 24-year-old frontier dispute.

Delhi said on Tuesday that Chinese troops and herdsmen had intruded into India's north-east Arunachal Pradesh state. Peking yesterday rejected the charges, saying the area was Chinese, and issued a counter-accusation that Indian troops regularly made incursions into China.

An Indian External Affairs Ministry official said about 40 Chinese "some of them in uniforms" — in June had gone five miles inside Indian territory in the Sumdorong Chu Valley.

"We had protested strongly about this intrusion to the Chinese Government and rejected their contention that this area is on their side of the frontier," the official said.

The world's two most populous nations are due to meet

on July 21 in Peking for their seventh session since 1981 to discuss the dispute which led to war between them in 1962.

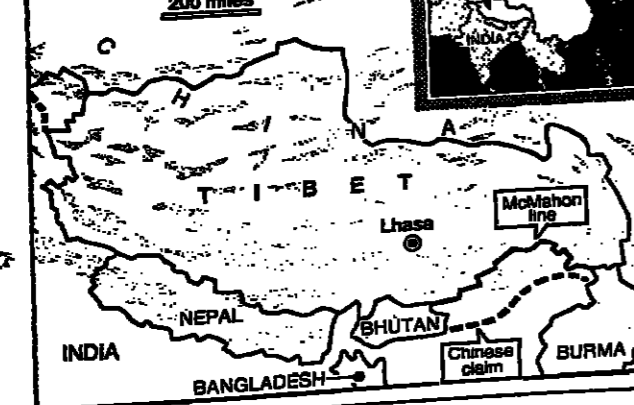
"I am not so dumb as to expect a breakthrough," the official said when asked if India expected any important gains at the talks.

● Issue at talks: The Indian team, which leaves for Peking later this week for the talks on the border, will take up the reported intrusion by China (Kuldip Nayyar writes).

This is said to be the deepest intrusion by the Chinese southwards since October 1962.

● PEKING: A Chinese Foreign Ministry official yesterday told a press briefing the area had always been Chinese and was north of the "line of actual control" in the eastern sector of the Sino-Indian border (Reuter reports).

He accused Indian troops of constantly entering Chinese territory in the area over many years.



Crisis on poll commission facing Malta

From Austin Sammut Valletta

Malta is entering a political crisis after Dr Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, the Prime Minister, unilaterally chose the electoral commission which will run the general elections to be held by March 1987.

The eight-member commission, announced on Tuesday, includes people who would seem to be acceptable to the opposition Nationalist Party. But the Opposition insists that all members must be acceptable to both parties.

There was no agreement after a number of meetings between Dr Mifsud Bonnici and Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, the Nationalist Party leader, on the composition of the commission.

● New Speaker: Mr Paul Xereb was appointed Speaker of the Maltese House of Representatives on Tuesday. He succeeds Dr Daniel

Wife of shuttle crewman seeks \$15m damages

Houston (Reuter) — The widow of Mr Michael Smith, an astronaut killed in the Challenger space shuttle disaster in January, has filed a \$15 million (£10 million) claim against Nasa for the wrongful death of her husband.

Nasa said the action by Mrs Jane Jarrell Smith, which is not a lawsuit, is the first formal claim by any relatives of the seven Challenger crew who were killed.

It alleges negligence in the January 28 explosion because top Nasa officials were aware of problems with the shuttle's solid rocket booster seals.

Mrs Smith's claim seeks \$15 million (£10 million) in damages for the loss of her husband, plus \$100,000 for any injuries he might have received before dying.

The space agency has six months to respond to the claim, Mr Jack O'Brien, a Nasa lawyer, said. If it rejects it, the plaintiff would be able to file a lawsuit alleging wrongful

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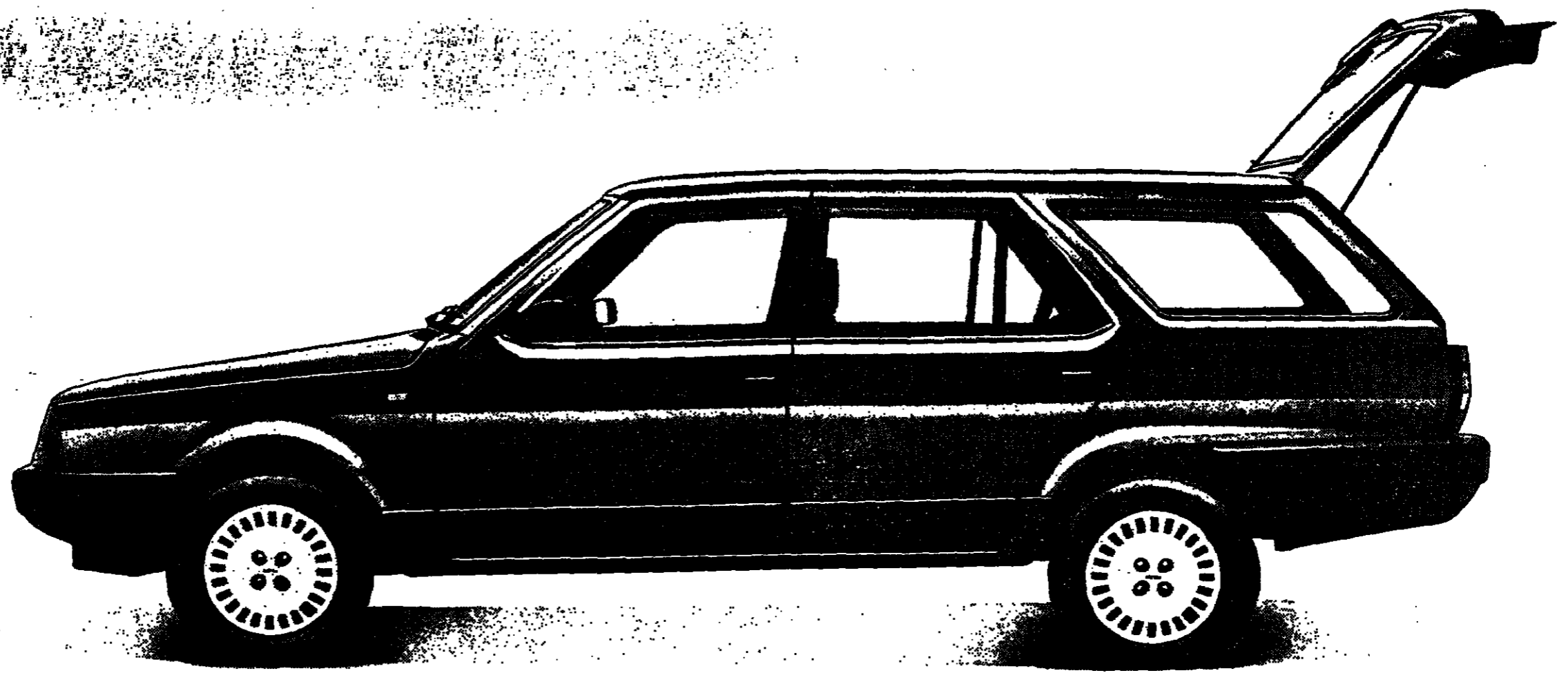
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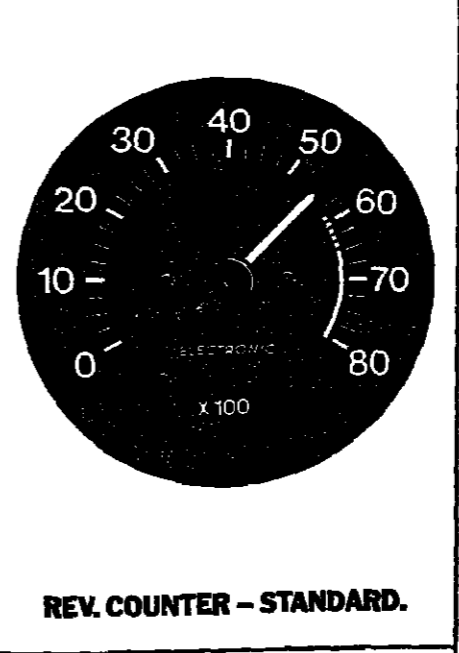
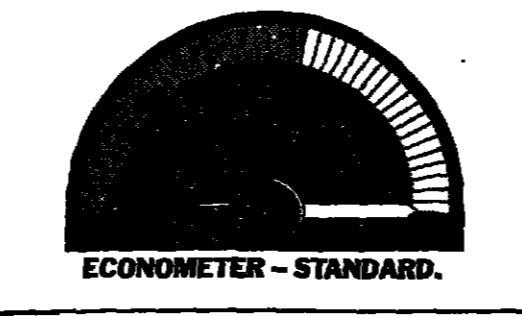
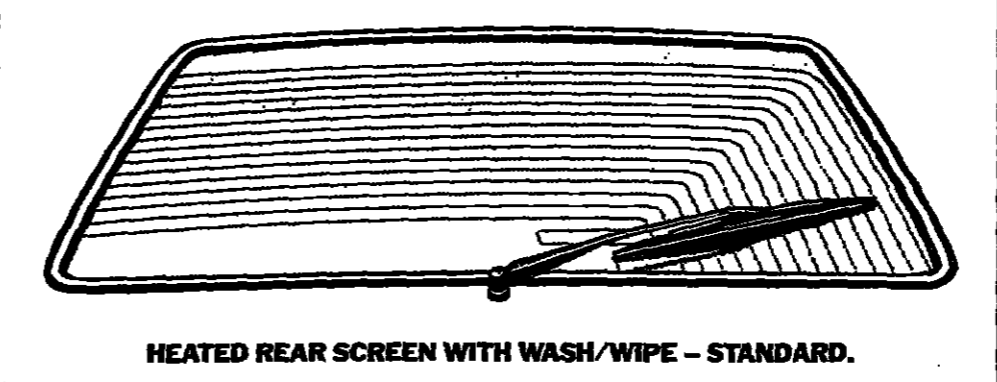
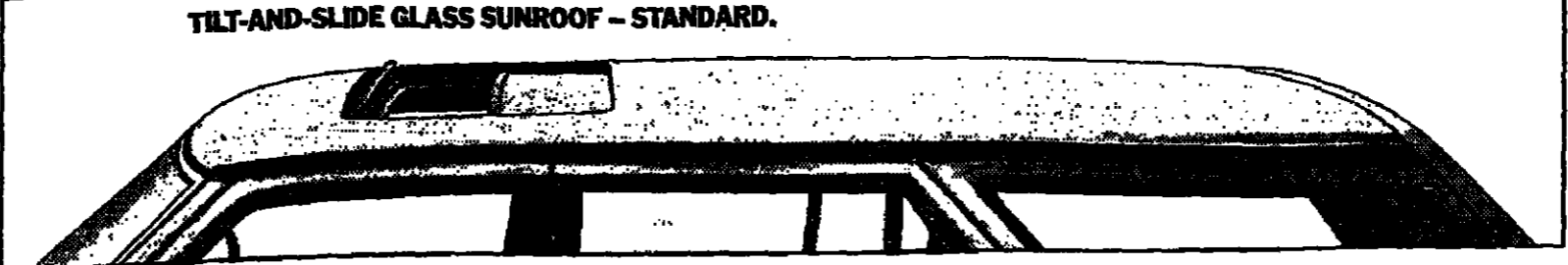
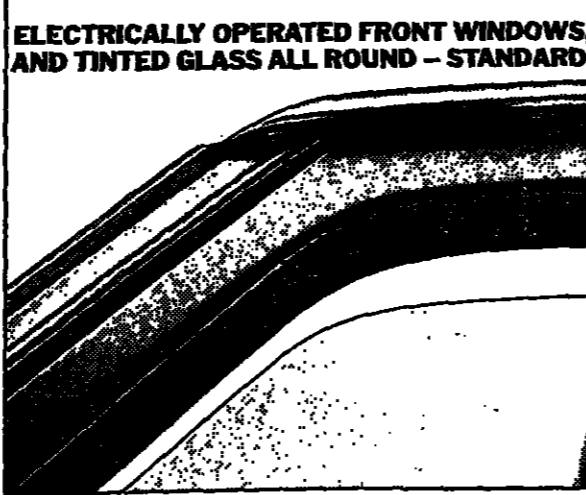
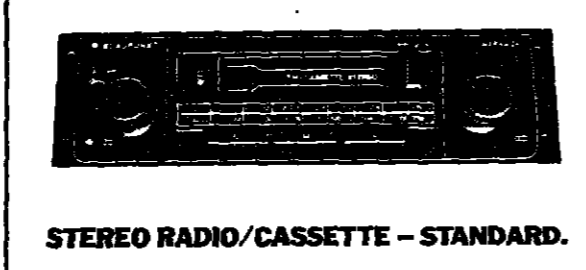
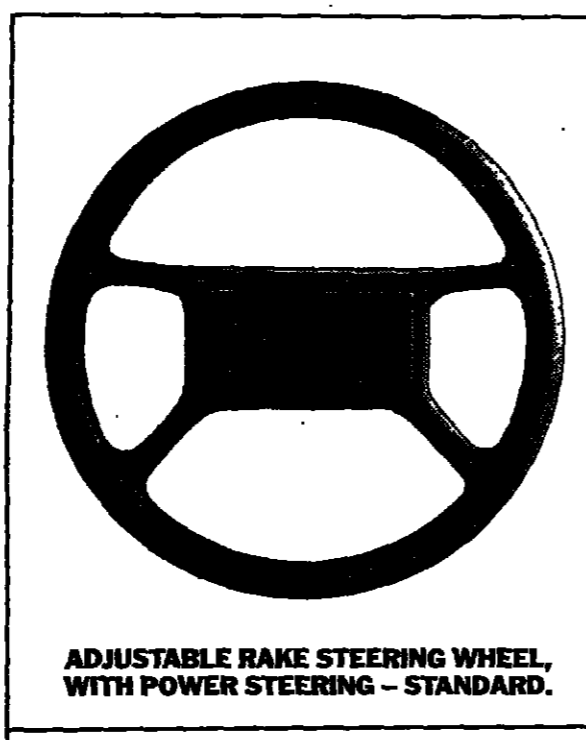
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Nice to know, mean to fight

THE TIMES PROFILE

FRANK BRUNO

It is not just boxing correspondents' hyperbole to state that the coming world title fight between Tim Witherspoon and Frank Bruno is more than a mere boxing match.

In terms of boxing history, the fact is indisputable when Frank Bruno steps into the ring at Wembley early on Sunday morning to challenge Witherspoon's World Boxing Association heavyweight title it will be the first time any British fighter has had an even chance of taking that title.

More interesting to non-boxing people is the phenomenon of Bruno himself. Conventionally he is seen in one dimension the big, brainless Spitting Image puppet who asks "know what I mean?", and slugs his way through a barbaric spectacle.

To some he seemed tense, it would be surprising were he not. Yet though he lacked Witherspoon's relaxed style, Bruno displayed some wit, and his performance showed Lawless's careful training.

The Bruno-Lawless relationship has been likened to that of father and son. Certainly Lawless has groomed Bruno into a man who can mix with "celebrities" but still protects him from the excesses of fame.

It seems as if he still has to remind himself of the detested building site to drive himself on. Even in a brief interview he tells you about it: "And if ever I look as if I'm forgetting who I am and where I come from, people around me will tell me I mean I only have to remember all that, know what I mean?"



The man who would be king: "The bell goes ding-ding, you got nobody there except you... it makes you a lonely person" (Photograph by Snowden)

reacted against his parents' training, and the huge toddler became a burly and aggressive boy who spent all his time fighting.

A man who has known Bruno some years, and is from an identical background, said: "The secret thing about Frank is - he likes to please. Now he pleases Terry by handling himself well, and he pleases the public then, the pressure to please his mates was greater than his need to please his parents.

When Bruno fought with one of his own teachers, his mother Lynette, a devout Pentecostal, decided something had to be done with her bully of a son, so Bruno was sent to Oak Hall, a boarding school for delinquent boys.

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"What makes Bruno tick? He's found one thing he can do. He doesn't want to be in poverty. He doesn't want to be low. This is the only way he can avoid that. He works as hard as any executive, and the gym is his office."

The gym is above the Royal Oak pub in Canning Town, home of Terry Lawless's stable of fighters. The atmosphere is that of a large, easy-going family where any small jealousies are banished before a big event that will bring credit to all.

You sense that Bruno can sometimes become irritated by his own "nice" image. At the Italian restaurant in Leytonstone where he eats regularly with Lawless, and where many pictures of him adorn the walls, the manager praises him and

his gargantuan appetite, adding fondly: "He is a good man - too good for a boxer." It is impossible to find anyone who will be severe on the man. So is he nasty enough to beat the wily and experienced Witherspoon? Terry Lawless smiles: "Mean? He's mean enough all right. You should have seen him back here at the gym after that press conference!"

Boxing, he says, is a business, about controlled aggression; Bruno has no need to throw his 16 stones around outside the ring. Suppressed anger does show, however, when Bruno talks of comment which touches on his personal life. "I mean, I'm here to be set up and then knocked down, that's all right. But it's nothing to do with my family." He accepts his role as public property, but is careful to keep his girlfriend, Laura, and their three-year-old daughter (another baby is due in September), in the background - largely because intolerant blacks as well as whites have attacked the relationship that has lasted since the pair were 18.

Bruno has won 20 of his 21 professional fights. His only defeat was by James "Bonecrusher" Smith in 1984, when Bruno was knocked out in the tenth round. Many say he lacks serious experience, since so many of his fights have been against

unworthy opponents. "He's proved he can punch but not yet that he can fight", seems to be the consensus.

This fact, set against Witherspoon's proven skill and staying power, plus Bruno's style of fighting (planting his feet and punching, rather than "dancing" like his admired Ali) could well cost him the fight. Yet he is far fitter than Witherspoon, and those close to him say he has gained in power and confidence during the past year.

Modern boxing talk is of psychology and strategy, not just brawn. Bruno himself slips easily into a rather endearing introspection, saying: "Let me rephrase that" with the anxiety of one used to being mocked for his lack of grammar or intellect. Bruno is interesting on the isolation of his life: "I mean, I run alone in the mornings, and train a lot of the time alone. Then, when you get in that ring, and the bell goes ding-ding, you got nobody there except you. Yeah, you could say it makes you a lonely person. You have to be. You have to sacrifice a lot of things other people expect."

If Frank Bruno fails in his bid for the title on Sunday, knowing as he does that he is carrying such a burden of national hope as well as business interests on his shoulders, he will feel even lonelier. One thing is certain: if he loses he will try again, because mentally and physically he is programmed for nothing else. And if he wins, an even worse pressure will be only just beginning - real show-business.

Bel Mooney

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BIOGRAPHY

- 1961: Born Hammersmith, west London, on November 16. Youngest of six children. Attended Swaffield primary school, Wandsworth and Old Hall boarding school, Sussex.
1970: Started boxing at the age of nine with Wandsworth Boys Club.
1980: Boxed for Young England, won London ABA title. Became the youngest ABA heavyweight champion.
1982: Turned professional under manager Terry Lawless.
1984: Bruno's only professional defeat at the hands of James "Bonecrusher" Smith.
1985: Became European champion (relinquished in 1986 to concentrate on his world championship challenge).
1986: Knocked out Garrie Coetzee in first round to become main contender for world title.

New torture for Israel

Police are to lead a secret inquiry as the Shin Bet affair enters another phase. Christopher Walker reports

After weeks of vicious infighting, the Israeli government has at last accepted that there has to be another inquiry into what has become known as the Shin Bet affair. This time the police are to carry it out - theoretically in total secrecy - since they will be on the alert for the cover-ups which fuelled the earlier investigations.

They are expected to concentrate, at least initially, on the circumstances surrounding the deaths of two Palestinians in Shin Bet custody in April, 1984. According to Mr Yosef Harish, the Attorney General, this means that agents of this highly secret counter-intelligence agency will be interrogated like common criminals.

But it will be a gentler form of interrogation than that apparently used by Shin Bet when the army handed over the two Palestinians it had captured on board a hijacked bus on the Gaza Strip.

There are many versions of what happened but the one undisputed fact is that the two Palestinians were dead within hours of being handed over to Shin Bet. No charges have been made against the officers concerned and President Chaim Herzog has given them a pardon for anything they might have done.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, has explained to the Knesset why there should be no charges. For the head of Shin Bet and his colleagues to be able to defend themselves, he said, "they have the right to take a line of defence that they think is right - and they said: 'our line of defence is that this was not the first time.' Mr Peres gave a warning that any prosecution would mean revealing "a very lengthy series of precedents".

what happens in the occupied territories. It has recently produced a report which claims that there has been a 40 per cent increase in the number of complaints of torture since the beginning of last year.

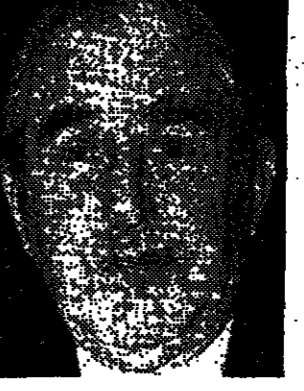
Someone with experience of Shin Bet interrogation both before and after 1977 is Mr Jabril Rajoub. He was given a life sentence after confessing to Shin Bet his involvement with Fatah in 1970. He was released in May last year in the mass prisoner exchange for three Israelis but re-arrested last November and interrogated again.

"In 1970 it was all beatings. They beat you all the time until you confessed", he said. "This time they took me to Hebron Prison and put me in a special wing, handcuffed and with a hood over my head. I spent the first nine days shut in the lavatory. That is their new way. Then they would take me out and put me under cold showers and beat me a bit then put me back in the lavatory with the handcuffs and the hood".

Another method alleged to be on the increase is the use of near-asphyxiation either by drawing tight the hoods or by squirting in tear gas from a pocket aerosol. This was what Mr Adnan Mansour Ghannem claimed happened to him when he refused to confess.

Although the Shin Bet methods are kept secret the lawyers claim to have built up a consistent picture - from hundreds of statements by clients - of what happens to people after their arrest.

The prisoners complain that during their interrogation they are made to feel that they are in danger of losing contact with the outside world. They are isolated,



President Herzog



Yosef Harish

'Shin Bet has been very successful'

'Agents will be questioned like criminals'

It is difficult to interpret that as anything other than an admission of something Israel has long denied - that Shin Bet habitually uses tough methods in what Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, describes as the "war against terrorism".

A small group of lawyers in Israel who specialise in the defence of Palestinians claim that every prisoner is badly treated during interrogation, and that about a third of them suffer some form of torture.

There are only three Jewish lawyers - all women - who do this kind of work along with about 20 Palestinians and 20 Arab Israelis. They tend to be branded by the authorities as radical anti-zionists, politically motivated against the state. The same accusations are levelled at the radical groups which collect and publish allegations of torture.

One such group is the Alternative Information Centre, formed 18 months ago by a group of Palestinians and radical Jewish and Arab Israelis with the aim of publishing regular information about

hooded, and left without food or sleep for days on end. The interrogation often begins only after the isolation has destroyed their morale.

President Herzog, justifying his decision to pardon those involved in the recent deaths, boasted that Shin Bet had uncovered 320 terrorist groups last year and, so far, had intercepted 255 terrorist missions this year.

Mr Rajoub says that confessions flow easily under Shin Bet interrogation. He remembers how his confident interrogator last November told him a story.

It was about a competition between agents from the CIA, MI5, the KGB and Shin Bet. Each agent was taken to a field where a gazelle was released and he was told to catch it as quickly as possible. The CIA man brought his back in half an hour. It took MI5 six hours and the KGB a whole day. Two days later the Shin Bet man returned with a rabbit. "That's not a gazelle", the others complained. "Oh yes it is", the Shin Bet man replied. "You just ask the rabbit".

The fine art of making money

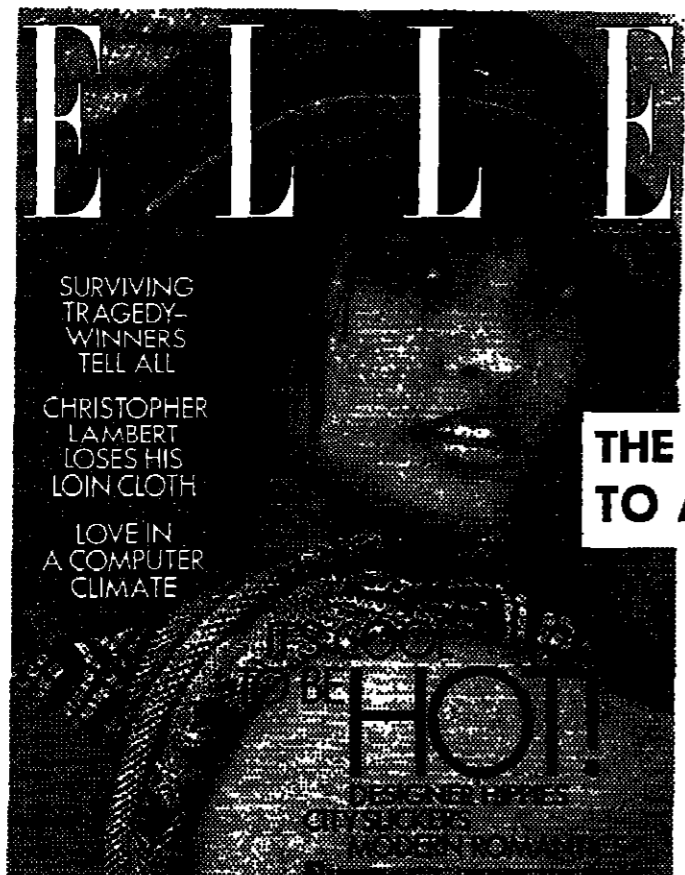
Richard Luce, the Arts Minister, will be at the Festival Hall tomorrow sounding the foghorn for the benefit of the Museums Roadshow, which is open to the public this weekend.

It is all thanks to marketing expert Hilary Blume who has persuaded 21 museums, from the august British to the foghorn-supplying Aberdeen Maritime, to shake off their inhibitions. But the Arts Minister's presence hints at the big business objective behind the biltary.

The BM is supplying a travelling mint, the V & A a traditional Punch and Judy Show, Tyne and Wear Museums some armour, Sam Wanamaker's Bear Garden its Shakespearean strolling players and York's Castle Museum an apple peeler. An Iron Age loom is coming from the Horniman. There will also be a horse-drawn bus to the South Bank from Waterloo Station.

And there will not be a glass case in sight. Visitors will be able to make corn dollies, dress up in historic costume, appear on video television, eat Woolton pie, be photographed inside a bubble - and go to the souvenir shop.

Simon Tait



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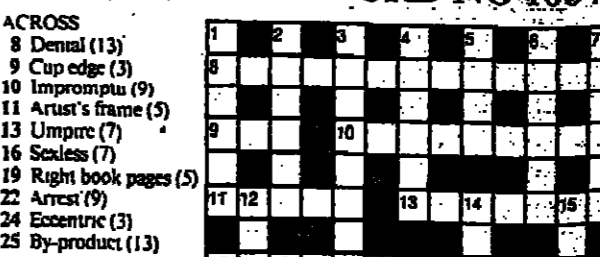
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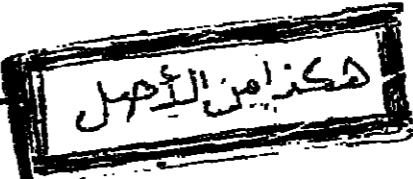
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BOOKS



On wilder shores of Irish letters

J.P. Donlevy was born in Brooklyn but, as the result of some strange stivistic leap, he writes like an Irishman...

Peter Ackroyd on the mental geography of the green and impossible island of sighs

J.P. DONLEVY'S IRELAND In All Her Sins and in Some of Her Graces By J.P. Donlevy Michael Joseph, £12.95

Joyce. By the time Donlevy arrived it had become - in his imagination - a slightly tired old story, riddled, obnoxious, fraying at the edges...

for comic dialogue and his eye for significant detail. It would be hard to find another narrative that so evokes the look and the feel of Ireland...

But the gaiety and the genial chaos that he found here have their less picturesque aspects, also. And, as so often, Dublin must bear the sins of Ireland: despite its ritual obscenities to the saints and scholars...

The young Donlevy seems to have spent his time largely in drinking and fighting along with everyone else; but if in his case these activities sprang from high spirits...



of poverty and misery - precisely the Ireland which Donlevy's parents fled, but which he had to discover for himself...

could so easily have turned into a self-indulgent fantasy. But, as its subtitle suggests, this is a book designed to evoke the "sins" as well as the "graces" of the country...

fantasy at the same time as he sees the truth - and because he realizes that they need each other.

American dreams at the courts of Henry I and II

John Campbell

FORD The Men and the Machine By Robert Lacey Heinemann, £15

Robert Lacey's latest blockbuster is dedicated to his agent, and quite right too. For it was he who suggested, following his two previous bestsellers involving royalty, money, and power in Britain...

As an historian turned journalist, he is able to combine the methods of insight investigation with an impeccable respect for the written sources. Both the breadth of his research and the 200-odd interviews he conducted compel unstinting admiration...

It is really two books, for the first 400 pages are essentially a biography of Henry Ford I, while the last third is the subsequent history of the company under his grandson Henry II.

No one better embodies the contradictions of the American dream than Henry Ford. On the one hand he was the country boy who liked tinkering with farm machines...

ry was very far from the upright paternalism of the popular imagination. He was an unfaithful husband, a peculiarly cruel father to his only son, a ruthlessly hypocritical manipulator of his own advantage...

Lacey splendidly demythologizes Ford without denying the quirky genius that ensured that, even when his sins and inconsistencies were exposed, his hold on the American imagination remained unbroken.

As easy as sentimentalizing Henry I would have been to take a hatchet to Henry II. In fact Lacey is as fair to young Henry's rescue of the company after the war, before his decline into alcoholism and the divorce court...

Radical adventure Down Under

Linda Christmas THE WHITLAM GOVERNMENT 1972-1975 By Gough Whitlam Viking, £17.95

Gough Whitlam was leader of the Australian Labor Party for eleven years, and Prime Minister of Australia for three, from 1972 to 1975. These years were among the most exciting in Canberra's history.

made into a television series shown here last year. With so much emphasis on Whitlam's dismissal, the aspirations and achievements of his three years in office have been under-analysed.

Once upon a time ... for feminists

Nicholas Shakespeare DON'T BET ON THE PRINCE By Jack Zipes Gower, £17.50 THE ABBEY IN THE WOOD By Antony Lambton Quartet, £9.95 THE GAME OF THE PINK PAGODA By Roger Moss Collins, £10.95 THE SONG OF THE FOREST By Colin Mackay Canongate, £9.95

There was once a cartoon that showed a troubadour ascending a tower by means of his ladylove's hair. Climbing through the window he discovered the long blonde tresses have sprouted not from his maiden's head but her chin.

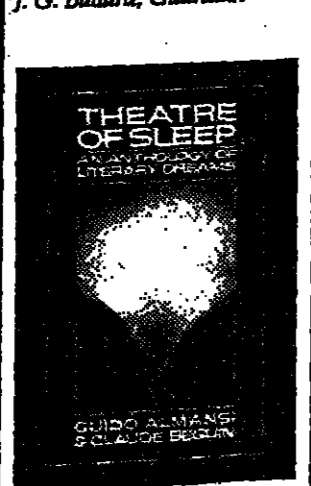
Roughly the same expression will contort the features of the gallant reader who picks up Jack Zipes's edition of contemporary feminist fairy tales. Not in reaction to the tales, but to the essays that accompany them.

Although this book is not about the dismissal (Whitlam has written about that in The Truth of the Matter), there is plenty of room in 700 pages for Whitlam to restate that the events of November 1975 were a political crisis, which he should have been left alone to solve...

Significantly, these essays are penned by other hands than the fairy-tale authors. The noble exception is Professor Zipes. It is he, the only man around, who explains that feminist fairy tales are a critique of the male viewpoint that has dangerously influenced children in their conception and expectations of the world.

Their anthology never wears out

Well done... Almans and Béguin divide their sections into Instinctive Dreams, Realistic Dreams, Fantastic Dreams... An example of Realistic Dreams is that described by Abraham Lincoln to Ward Hill Lamon in early April, 1865.



Bringing together a wide selection of dreams drawn from the literature of all ages and many cultures - from Aristotle and Apollinaire to Kaelais, Wagner and Nathanael West - some of which are translated into English for the first time...

As the immense richness of the dreams in this excellent collection demonstrates, no theory ever seems likely to account for those strange safaris on which each of us sets out every night across the width of our heads.

Hardback 400 pages £10.95 In bookshops now PICADOR

Taking a mallet to Gandhi's halo

Karan Thapar THE MYTH OF THE MAHATMA The British and the Raj By Michael Edwardes Constable, £12.95

At almost every level this is a disappointing book. To begin with its title suggests an exposé of Gandhi; instead he is only featured, in any substance, in part four. Then, the portrait that emerges is neither new nor revealing.

was obscurantist even in his own time, and his leading contemporaries were barely tolerant of it. His obsession with his libido was frequently embarrassing; but Gandhi never hid it. His autobiography is still the best source of reference for digging it up.

Although it purports to be about Gandhi, for the most part this is a pedestrian, at times ponderous, history of the Raj. Its account of the development of the Empire is correct, but not illuminating.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 16: His Excellency Mr Ernest Rusia was received in audience by the Queen...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Wilson and Miss S.M. Mowles The engagement is announced between Rupert James, younger son of Sir James and the Hon Lady Wilson...

OBITUARY LORD CRAWSHAW OF AINTREE

First Social Democrat nominee in the Lords

Lord Crawshaw of Aintree, OBE, the Labour MP for Toxteth, Liverpool, who joined the Social Democratic Party in 1981...



Lord Crawshaw of Aintree

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. P. F. BOUGHEY

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Boughey, OBE, whose distinguished service with the Special Operations Executive during the Second World War...



Lieutenant-Colonel E. P. F. Boughey

Luncheon

Royal College of Physicians Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, entertained the Lord Mayor...

Receptions

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, entertained the officers of the British Veterinary Association...

Birthdays today

Mr Hardy Amies, 77; Mr Tim Brooke-Taylor, 46; Sir Alan Cotterell, 67; Mr Raymond Graham, 56...

Latest wills

Captain Sir William Fellows, of Richmond, Surrey, died on July 14, 1986, aged 85...

Dinners

United and Cecil Club Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the House of Commons...

Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service

The Ministry of Defence announces that the Battle of Britain service will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11.00 am on Sunday, September 21...

Rugby School

Trinity Term at Rugby School ended on July 12. The Multiple Sclerosis sponsored walk raised more than £15,000...

Company of Watermen and Lightermen

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames for the ensuing year...

Appointments

Sir Gordon Robson to be President of the Royal Society of Medicine. Dr G. H. Stafford to be President of the Institute of Physics...

Treasury appointments

Mr Hugh Evans, head of International Finance Group, has been appointed as a member of the Treasury's Economic Committee...

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

Mr John Blake, vice-chairman of the Town and Country Planning Association, to be chairman of the association in succession to Mrs Mary Riley...

DAME RUTH BUCKLEY

You reported today (July 14) the death of the Hon Dame Ruth Buckley, DBE. Very many people all over Sussex will mourn the loss of Miss Ruth, or 'The Dame', as she was universally known...

MR GEORGE CURRY

Mr George Curry, who was instrumental in moulding the Railway Industry Association of Great Britain into an active and effective trade association during more than 30 years as its director, died on June 25. He was 67...

MR GEORGE FAIRWEATHER

Mr George Fairweather, the architect who was an authority on building construction, died on July 13. He was 79. For many years he taught construction and structures at the Architectural Association...

Science report

The changing North Sea

By Andrew Wiseman Although the North Sea is going through a 'relatively stable' phase in its geological 'development', that could be a temporary phenomenon because of past dynamic changes...

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1306.3 (+3.7) FT-SE 100 1597.3 (+4.3) Bargains 25171 USM (Datastream) 125.00 (+0.05) THE POUND US Dollar 1.5057 (+0.0138) W German mark 3.2527 (+0.0169) Trade-weighted 73.9 (+0.2)

Regalian in £7m deal

Regalian Properties, the residential developer which has made its name in urban housing renewal, is paying £7 million for 72 flats close to London's Marble Arch, bought from the Metropolitan Police. It intends to transform these into luxury homes, its speciality, in what is a booming market. The scheme will be worth £15 million. This acquisition is being financed by a vendor-placing of 1.17 million new shares and by £565,000 in cash. The new shares represent 9.8 per cent of Regalian's enlarged share capital. Regalian is also to build 140 apartments, worth £14 million, at Port Solent, Portsmouth, the marina, residential and commercial complex being developed by Arlington Securities, the business park developer. Regalian is thought to have paid £2 million for a 150-year lease on the site, with Arlington taking a profit share once Regalian's target returns are met.

Profits double

Dixons Group, the electrical retailer, made taxable profits in the year to April 26 of £78.1 million compared with £39.6 million the previous year. The total dividend is up from 1.5p to 3p. Tempus, page 26

Sales increase

Eurotherm International, manufacturer of electronic controls, announced a fall in pretax profits from £3.49 million to £3.34 million in the six months ended April 30 as sales rose from £38.5 million to £43.5 million. The interim dividend was unchanged at 1.50p. Tempus, page 26

Magnet slip

Profits at Magnet & Southern, the timber company, fell from £28.2 million to £26 million before tax in the year to March 31. Turnover rose from £220 million to £248 million. The final dividend is 3.2p, up from 2.7p, making a total of 5.2p, up from 4.7p. Tempus, page 26

Tate deal

Tate & Lyle has agreed not to acquire more than 23.7 per cent of S&W Berisford shares or to exercise voting rights for more than 15 per cent, while the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is investigating the proposed sugar industry takeover bid.

Bestwood bids

Bestwood, the investment holding company unsuccessful in its bid for Country Gentlemen's Association this month, yesterday launched a £16.3 million bid for Barrie Investments and Finance, the property, lending and leasing company.

Table with columns for STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES. Lists various financial indices and rates.

Dollar slides on signs of weak growth

The dollar fell sharply yesterday, on new evidence of US economic weakness and a growing belief that other countries will not follow the Federal Reserve Board's discount rate cut. Various other factors affected the dollar, including the failure of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma. Mr Satoshi Sumita, the Governor of the Bank of Japan, was quoted as saying that the yen's rise against the dollar would not force a cut in the Japanese discount rate and Dr Henry Kaufman of Salomon Brothers forecast that the dollar would fall. The dollar lost ground against all leading currencies, falling to a post-war low of 158.35 against the yen, and dropping 1.4 pfrnngts to DM2.1520 against the mark. The pound's recovery continued. It rose 1.38 cents to \$1.5075 against the dollar and gained a pfennig to DM3.2527 against the mark. The sterling index rose 0.2 to 73.9. Later in New York, the pound was quoted at \$1.5140. The pound's rise and some better-than-expected public sector borrowing figures helped produce gains for government stocks of up to £1. Earlier in the week, pressure for higher interest rates began to emerge when the pound dropped sharply. The public sector borrowing requirement was £599 million last month, well below market expectations. The June PSBR was below the May figure of £1.1 billion. There was a net public sector repayment of £127 million in June last year, but this was principally due to the second payment on British Telecom shares. Without this, the PSBR in June 1985 would have been about £1 billion. In the first three months of the 1986/87 fiscal year, the PSBR totalled £2.5 billion, almost exactly the same as in the corresponding period last year. In both periods, the PSBR benefited from £1.1 billion payments on British Telecom shares. Treasury officials believe that the PSBR is running on a course consistent with the achievement of the £7.1 billion target for the full year. However, there are worries in the City that lower oil prices and a possible shortfall on privatization receipts could push borrowing above target. According to Independent Treasury Economic Modellers Club (ITEM) calculations, an oil price of \$10 a barrel, compared with the Treasury assumption of \$15 a barrel, would push the PSBR up by £600 million to £650 million this year. Further evidence of economic weakness in the United States was provided by a 0.3 per cent fall in business inventories in May, and a drop in the rate at which factories were operating to 78.3 per cent of capacity last month. The Government's cyclical indicators for the economy confirm that growth has weakened over the past year.

Southend Estates sold for £29.1m

Southend Estates, the construction, housebuilding and property group, is making an agreed £29.1 million bid for the unlisted housing and commercial development company with a large land bank in East Anglia and Essex. The acquisition would bring Higgs and Hill valuable housing land ready for development and 1,000 acres of agricultural land in the eastern counties with long-term residential development potential. Higgs and Hill is offering 100 of its shares for every nine Southend Estates shares at £65 per share, with a partial cash alternative valued at £61.94 per share. The company already has acceptances for 27.6 per cent of the Southend shares. The offer is conditional on a minimum valuation of £19 million for four residential sites, expected to show a £17.5 million surplus over book value. Higgs and Hill will pay a further £3.3 million to Higgs and Hill if planning permission is obtained on a site in Essex. Some of the land bank may be sold, thereby reducing the acquisition cost. Mr Brian Hill, Higgs and Hill's chairman, said: "We won a competitive bid for Southend Estates. The acquisition is a natural one for us and will enable us to expand our housebuilding operations in a new area, East Anglia, where land prices have risen by 10 per cent a year. After the acquisition, 50 per cent of our profits will come from housebuilding and property. The combined group will build 500 residential units a year. Southend Estates' commercial property portfolio will be rationalized and sales are imminent. Higgs and Hill's gearing will rise on the acquisition but the effect will be small owing to Southend's conservative borrowings. Higgs and Hill's shares rose 5p to 390p on the news. The terms of the bid are six shares plus £6 in cash for every 10 shares in AE, valuing each AE share at 190p, with Turner & Newall at 216p yesterday. AE's shares have remained above the bid price since the bid was launched last month and yesterday stood at 233p. Turner & Newall is forecasting an increase in profits and earnings for this year and a 50 per cent increase in dividend to not less than 7.5p. In a letter to shareholders, Sir John described Turner & Newall as a company beset by "inherent and serious problems". He said 40 per cent of its profits came from Africa. Turner & Newall said the acquisition would help competitiveness and market penetration, lead to savings in research and development, administration, distribution and marketing, an eight per cent tax saving of more than £5 million a year for three years.

Rover Group names three new directors

The depleted ranks of the board of Rover Group, formerly BL, were boosted yesterday with the appointment of three directors, two of them non-executive. Mr Graham Day, the new Rover chairman and chief executive, reacting to the resignations of two senior executives, Mr David Andrews and Mr Ray Horrocks, has appointed Mr N J "Mike" Carver, director of business strategy, as an executive director. Mr Archie Forster, aged 58, chairman and chief executive of Esso UK, and Mr Edward Dawney, aged 36, a director of Lazard Brothers, become non-executive directors. Mr Carver, who is 64, and



Graham Day, reacting to resignations, formerly with the National Enterprise Board, joined BL at the same as Sir Michael Edwardes in 1977 to take charge of group planning.



Hopes of savings lift Harris shares

Sir Philip Harris, chairman of Harris Queensway, yesterday said he expected to make savings of £8 million this financial year from amalgamating the Times Furnishing stores bought from Great Universal Stores with Harris Furnishings. The Harris Furnishing name will go. He also expects to increase turnover at Times by 10 per cent this year with better distribution and service to customers. Sir Philip yesterday exchanged contracts with GUS on the £135 million acquisition of Times Furnishing, Home Charm and GUS's 20 per cent stake in Poundstretchers, the HQ subsidiary. His remarks found favour in the City, which had some doubts about the price Sir Philip was paying. Harris Queensway shares bounced 12p higher to 250p. Sir Philip disclosed that he will pay £1.5 million annual rent to GUS, which will retain the freeholds and most of the leaseholds of the stores. A new credit joint venture will be set up with GUS and a

TV-am offer draws £170m

TV-am's offer for sale was nearly 10 times oversubscribed, with applications totalling £170.3 million chasing £15.8 million-worth of shares. Applications for between 200 and 800 shares will go into a weighted ballot for 200 shares: for 1,000 to 3,000, there will be a ballot for 300; for 3,500, applicants will receive 300; for 4,000 to 5,000 - 400 shares; for 6,000 - 500; for 7,000 to 8,000 - 600; for 9,000 and over - about 7.5 per cent of the application. Cleveland Securities, the licensed dealer, was quoting the shares on the grey market at 140p/145p yesterday, against an offer price of 130p. Cleveland said the shares have traded up to 152p/158p. Dealings start on the stock market next Wednesday.

Strong yen makes Japanese wages highest in world

Tokyo (Reuters) - The strong yen has pushed Japanese wages to the top of the world table, wiping out the competitive advantage once held by the country's manufacturers, according to industry analysts. Wages of Japanese workers have risen dramatically on a dollar basis during the past 10 months. The rise is forcing many companies to abandon part of their domestic production and to set up new factories overseas where cheaper labour costs keep production prices down. The yen's 37 per cent climb to about 160 to the dollar has turned the tables against Japanese manufacturers. Mr Takashi Kiuchi of the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan said: "If they don't produce overseas, Taiwan and South Korea will successfully compete with Japanese firms abroad and start exporting even to the Japanese market." However, Japanese manufacturers can do little about the problem because annual wages have risen by only 5 per cent in yen terms. Companies such as Matsushita Electric Industrial plant bell-ringing measures to keep costs down. But room to trim expenses further is limited because companies have already cut many financial corners over the last few years to offset poor sales worldwide due to slow consumer demand, one economist said. Companies have achieved quick effects by slashing capital investment, but such cuts could emasculate future performance by inhibiting research and development, he added. Moves abroad are now the main option. Matsushita plans to maintain its market share by eventually increasing overseas production to 25 per cent of its total from 14 per cent last year, a spokesman said.

Bank's finance chief expected to resign

Standard Chartered is expected to suffer the first high level resignation from its board following the failure of the £1.3 billion bid by Lloyds Bank last Saturday, when Mr Stuart Tarrant, the chief finance officer, returns from holiday in two weeks' time. Mr Tarrant has been with the bank for six years and became a main board director in 1984. Mr Michael McWilliam, group managing director, said: "I have not yet had his letter of resignation but obviously things can never be the same again. Mr Tarrant has gone away to think about his career and he may wish to consider his future with another company." Mr Tarrant differed from the rest of the Standard board in believing that a takeover of the group by Lloyds was in Standard's best interests. But the City was surprised yesterday when the extent of his support for Lloyds emerged, because throughout its defence Standard had maintained that its board rejected the offer unanimously. Under takeover rules, any director dissenting from documents sent out by the defending company must be named, but Mr Tarrant was never mentioned. Standard maintained that Mr Tarrant had put his name to all the documents in the bank's defence. Mr McWilliam claimed that "technically, legally and formally we had a unanimous board". At the same time there were rumours in the City yesterday that Mr Robert Holmes a Court, the Australian entrepreneur who participated in Standard's last minute defence, has been buying more of the bank's shares, which rose from 722p to 732p. There was also speculation that Standard's shareholders would pressure the bank into accepting a new bid from a foreign bank.

Profits jump at Bulmer

HP Bulmer, the Hereford cider maker, yesterday announced plans to increase advertising on cider by nearly 50 per cent to arrest the decline in sales. The company also announced increased pretax profits of £1.5 million for the year to April 24, up from £7.52 million. But most of the increase was accounted for by the absence of redundancy costs, which dented the previous year's results by £3.34 million. In addition, £512,000 of exceptional credits and an accounting change, which added £218,000 to profits, contributed to the increased profit. Turnover was up from £155 million to £171 million but in volume terms, cider sales fell by 4 per cent, in line with the industry. Bulmer expects sales to pick up again this year. Bulmer's total advertising budget is running at £8 million, of which £2.5 million, will be spent on cider. The company says it welcomes the Chancellor's decision not to increase duty this year. Sales of Perrier, the mineral water which Bulmer distributes, were up by 30 per cent to 60 million bottles. The final dividend increased from 2.66p to 3.05p, to a total 5.3p, up from 4.9p.

Unit trust magazine to close

Unit Trust Management, the glossy magazine for unit trust intermediaries and management companies launched in June last year by the Financial Times Business Information company, is to fold with losses of about £130,000. The magazine has suffered losses of between £8,000 and £10,000 on each of its 14 issues in direct costs alone. Mr William Gibson, the publisher of FTBI magazines division, said yesterday that disappointing advertising revenue and the limited growth prospects for the market accounted for its downfall. "There is a limit to the amount of advertising that people are prepared to direct to intermediaries," Mr Gibson said. The management had considered alternatives to closure, such as broadening its coverage beyond unit trusts, but none of these had provided a lifeline. A proposal has been put to the unions represented on the magazine that it should be discontinued. According to Mr Gibson the management does not intend to make anyone redundant, but plans to redeploy staff. Mr Gibson said that the magazine, which increased its cover price from £1.50 to £1.75 this year, had built up a circulation of about 10,500.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Boom in 'temps' gives the Stock Exchange a new growth industry

By Cliff Feltham

The office "temp" is here to stay. More companies are using temporary staff because, in the long run, it gives them greater flexibility than hiring permanent employees. One recruitment boss said: "Firms now realize that it is cheaper to bring in a temp to help out with a sudden rush of work than taking on more permanent staff who will still have to be paid and given holidays when times are quiet." The demand for temporary staff has fuelled a spate of mergers among the recruitment agencies.

Rand, purchased two years ago.

The sector has caught the imagination of the stock market. Analysts say profits could soar to £8 million this year, compared with just over £2 million last year. Mr David Grimbley of Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, says: "The sector is experiencing a period of strong growth, largely reflecting the rapid expansion in the demand for temporary staff which has now overtaken the placement of permanent staff as the major source of agency income."



spent more than £40 million in the past year buying the Reliance group, Brook Street Bureau, and the Hoggett Bowers executive recruitment chain. Mr Berry sees no end to the present boom. "Around 70 per cent of our business is placing temporary staff. If a firm gets into trouble, it cuts its employment earning £30,000 a year. The temp stays to the end."

Hestair, a rival firm, recently paid £10 million for the JSD Computer Group, which supplies key computer personnel, adding to the two London-based bureaux, Atlas and

Whereas the demand for permanent staff placements has traditionally been subject to cyclical fluctuations, this is much less so for the demand for temporary staff. Indeed, the more uncertain the market background, the greater the benefit of flexibility provided by temps.

Observers point out that although the direct wage costs of temporary workers may be up to 50 per cent more than for permanent staff, it is nothing like this amount once the overall employment costs, such as National Insurance contributions, training, recruitment and paid holidays, are taken into consideration.

A survey conducted by the Henley Forecasting Centre found that the hourly cost of employing a permanent secretary on £10,000 a year is £8.06 whereas a temporary worker would cost £3. A temporary accountant - in high demand

A recruitment agency window, a sight becoming more familiar in the high street. (Photograph: Leslie Lee)



logic. The emphasis is on proof-reading, formatting and manipulating text at speed. Only a fraction of the country's 1.3 million typists is trained for this."

The demand for temporary staff is not confined to the office, but extends to subcontract staff in the engineering, building, maintenance and computer areas.

Mr Leonard Allen, director of the Federation of Recruitment and Employment Services which represents 1,200 agencies, said: "It is estimated that between 7 and 10 per cent of the working population is now in some form of temporary employment, ranging from secretarial to nursing, computer programming to ordinary factory work. We are beginning to see the start of a new pattern of work where many of us are not going to work for one firm for 40 years but hire ourselves out to a number of different firms."

Some people in the industry, however, are concerned that the return of a Labour Government could see a change in the employment laws, making it difficult to take on temporary staff.

But Mr Grimbley points out: "Some people argue that the current boom could change if a Labour Govern-

would cost £10.75 an hour compared with £11.97 for a full-time employee.

Manpower, which employs 45,000 staff in Britain, found that nearly half the firms in the production and service areas had reported a rise in the use of temps over the last three years.

Mr Tony Hoskins, Manpower's marketing manager, said firms enjoyed the flexibility provided by temporary staff but also needed them

for specialist work. "Once we were looked upon as pulling people out of the workforce and redeploying them somewhere else. Now we are recognized as suppliers of skilled part-time employees."

"Manipulating text or data on a visual display screen calls for entirely different skills from that of a typist. No longer is a 60-words-a-minute typist sufficient. The operator must work with symbols, understanding the computer's



ment tightened up employment legislation. But I don't believe it would have any effect. If the law makes it that much more difficult to dismiss people, then firms will have an ever greater incentive to take on temporary staff who can be laid off at a moment's notice."

Developer faces battle over Green Belt plan for super shopping site

By Judith Huntley



Town & City Properties, part of Sir Jeffrey Sterling's P&O Group, has increased the size of its out-of-town shopping centre planned near the M1 and M25 motorways in Hertfordshire to 900,000 sq ft. The company has put in a new planning application to St Albans District Council for 750,000 sq ft of retailing and 150,000 sq ft of leisure space. The application is the result of increasing demand from retailers for space in out-of-town centres.

Mr Ron Jennings, Town & City's joint managing director, says: "We were being deluged with demand for space so we had another look at the figures and increased the size of the scheme. We could have gone up to one million sq ft of retailing but road capacity resulted in the 750,000 sq ft limit."

Town & City's site, at Bricket Wood, part-owned by the Department of Transport, is in the Green Belt, which has already provoked uproar from conservationists.

St Albans District Council is waiting for the retail impact study for Town & City's smaller application. There will have to be new impact and traffic studies for the latest scheme, which has another 1,500 parking spaces, bringing the total to 5,500.

Haslemere Estates, now owned by Rodamco, the Dutch fund, has completed its refurbishment of 21 College Hill, above, in the City of London. The seventeenth-century building has 4,320 sq ft of offices for which the asking rent is £125,000 a year on a 25-year lease. The building is in the middle of a site taking in the Skinners' Hall and the Skinners' Company granted the developer a long lease for the building. The letting agent is Röhleder Lumby.

Quite apart from the issue of developing in the Green Belt, the District Council is opposed to out-of-town retailing. Town & Country knows it will have a fight on its hands, probably involving a public inquiry.

Its decision to increase the retail element of the scheme as well as the leisure side is interesting considering experience at the 2 million sq ft Metrocentre in Gatershead, Tyne and Wear. Mr John Hall, the developer, has reduced the amount of leisure space proposed at Gatershead to 70,000 sq ft after market research showed that only a small amount would be financially viable.

Mr Hall says: "A lot of leisure does not pay. It is not as simple as I thought and there is not the money at Gatershead that I had originally believed to support a larger leisure development."

A timely warning for those developers planning enormous retail and leisure schemes across the country.

successful formula on other sites where there are no such fiscal advantages and competition is great.

He plans to build 600,000 sq ft at Exeter, joining a throng of other developers vying for the chance to develop retailing close to the city, and another similar sized Metrocentre is planned for Walsall in the West Midlands in competition with the Carroll Group.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, is going to have a testing time giving his decisions, not only on Town & City's Green Belt scheme but the host of other similar sized shopping centres proposed around the M25 motorway, and elsewhere across the country.

Two key issues are at stake here: the future of town centre retailing within fundamental changes in retailing and its shift to out-of-town; and whether development, of any kind, should be allowed in the Green Belt.

Arlington expects go-ahead for £60m office scheme

Arlington Securities, the business park developer which recently came to the market, is set to obtain the City of London Corporation's blessing for its £60 million, 210,000 sq ft office development at Barnard's Inn, Holborn.

The Corporation's Court of Common Council is expected today to approve the scheme, which Arlington is undertaking with the Mercer's Company. The scheme complies with the City's new plot ratio of 5:1 and involves retaining the existing listed facades.

The area round Fleet Street and Holborn, which will soon cease to be home for the newspaper industry, is seeing a boom in office rents as space in the Square Mile becomes increasingly hard to find in the build up to big bang. Arlington reports interest in the development already.

Mr Matthew Oakeshott's appointment as investment director at the newly structured Stewart Enterprise Investment Company, now called Value and Income Trust, will be a test of his philosophy of buying secondary property for long term high returns.

Mr Oakeshott, regarded in some property circles as a heretic, says: "We have an unprecedented situation in UK investment property where yields on certain types of property are higher than gilts, and it won't last very long."

His view is that an investment trust, structured in the way that VIT now is, is a better product for investors than a unitized investment vehicle. Mr Oakeshott is buying property through a VIT subsidiary, Aedax Properties, at yields which are higher than the fixed interest debenture money arranged by the trust.

Unlike property units or securities, VIT is buying

wholesale and selling retail in unfashionable areas such as secondary retail and industrial buildings.

He is backing his own judgement. He and his co-investment director, Mrs Angela Lascelles, own 5 per cent of the company with Courtaulds Pension Fund, their former employer.

The Scottish American Investment Company was SEICO's largest shareholder and will have 25 per cent of VIT with the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund holding 7 per cent.

It is too early to buy investment property in Houston, Texas, the American city notorious for its oversupply of office space, but not too early to look, according to Salomon Brothers, the US finance house. Property prices do not reflect the reality of the Houston economy, which is heavily dependent on oil, and which continues to decline.

Office rents have fallen by 51 per cent since the peak in 1981 and almost no space was taken up last year compared with annual figures of \$-11 million sq ft in the early 1980s.

There is now more than 140 million sq ft of offices in Houston with a vacancy rate of 28 per cent, a situation which will not improve until 1988, according to the bank.

Charterhouse, the firm of estate agents, has welcomed the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' decision to

allow its members to become limited liability companies without losing their professional membership. Mr George Inge, the managing partner of Savills, said: "To date we have been able to finance Savills' expansion from our own resources but I recognize that in the future as we increase the scale of our business to meet the demands and competition from the City."

It is a view shared by Richard Ellis, which established its financial services unit some time ago amid much speculation that that part of the firm would be floated on the stock market if RICS rules allowed.

Industrial rents are growing faster than office rents for the first time since 1979, says Jones Lang Wootton, the firm of surveyors, in its report on industrial and office rents in 50 towns and cities.

The reason for this is that there is less good quality well located industrial space on the market and demand in the last year has been improving.

Overall, office rents in the 50 centres rose by 6 per cent in the last year with industrial rents rising by 7 per cent. Outstripping inflation: Between 1969 and 1986 J.L.W. says office rents grew by 12.5 per cent, with inflation running at 10.8 per cent.

On the industrial front, the agent reports rental growth of 7.7 per cent between 1979 and 1986.

APPOINTMENTS

Martin Ford; Mr Ronald Aiken has been made non-executive chairman, and Mr Nicolas Wallis, Mr Irving Aronson, Mr Jeffrey Wallis, Mrs Marlene McAlister and Mr Edward Leighton directors. Halifax Building Society; Mr Hugh Foulds and Mr John Wood become directors. United Scientific Holdings; Mr Christopher Joll has been appointed director, group public affairs. Charterhouse; Mr Michael Ordish joins as director on September 1. Charterhouse Bank; Mr Anthony Best joins as managing director, banking.

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- Photo-processing profits are up 67%

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- £50m shop expansion programme
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- 175 store refurbishments
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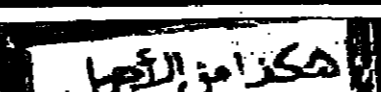
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Indicators edge higher as hopes grow for a technical rally soon

By Michael Clark

Share prices shrugged off renewed fears about Wall Street yesterday and settled down to a steadier performance following Tuesday's surprise shake-out. Dealers reported selective support for leading shares after proclaiming that the mark-down had been overdone. Some are even looking for a sustained technical rally over the next few days. The FT index of 30 shares recovered from a hesitant start and became more adventurous in the afternoon as Wall Street opened firmer in early trading with the Dow Jones industrial average displaying a 15-point rise. That offered further encouragement to London investors who have seen the Dow tumble by more than 50 points in the first two days of this week. The FT 30 Share closed 3.7 points higher at 1,306.3. The broader-based FT-SE 100 also reflected the firmer tone, ending 4.3 points up at 1,597.3. The renewed strength of sterling on the foreign exchange market breathed fresh life into Government securities. Gains at the longer end of the market stretched to 2 1/2% at the close. But the Bank of England reported that applications for the new 10p stock, Treasury Loan, 8 1/4 per cent, 2007, had been allotted in full. Among the leaders, Hanson Trust was unchanged at 176p following the placing this week of the remainder of its shares accrued following the acquisition of Imperial Group. The 31 million shares were placed by Hoare Govett, the broker, at just over 175p. Regalian Properties leapt 35p to 620p as a line of over 1 million shares went through the market at 550p. Meanwhile, Equity & General, the leasing and garage group

which used to trade under the name of Emray, spurted 5.5p to 29p on talks that a big stake had changed hands. Dealers claim that one buyer has picked up at least 25 per cent of the shares and plans a big asset injection. Marketmen are already talking the price up to 60p. The disappointing terms of the settlement for Russian bonds was bad news for upgrading of profit estimates by a leading broker. In the Unlisted Securities Market, M6 Cash & Carry received a lukewarm reception. Investors decided to give the shares the cold shoulder and applied for only 1.6 million of the 5.5 million on offer. The shares, offered at 100p, opened at 88p and closed at 90p - a discount of 10p. Bestobell firming another 1p to 534p after rejecting the £88.3 million bid from its smaller rival, Meggit Holdings. BTR, the industrial conglomerate, which owns a 29 per cent stake in Bestobell, has thrown its weight behind Meggit and says it will take a 25 per cent holding in the enlarged company if the bid is successful. Meggit's broker, Capel-Cure Myers, was anxious to point out that it had not been buying Bestobell shares in the market on Tuesday on behalf of Meggit. It admitted that it had bought a few Bestobell shares, but these were destined for some of its other clients. Meggit advanced 2p to 140p. Oil shares managed to hold on to small, early gains despite renewed weakness in the oil price and reports that Saudi Arabia was planning to increase production to more than 6 million barrels a day. This is in stark contrast to the latest production figures for the North Sea, showing output falling last month from an average 2.54 million barrels a day to 2.4 million. Even so, the Government is still pushing ahead with plans to issue at least another 50 oil and gas exploration licences. BP continued to shake-off recent nervousness, with a 5p with a jump of 13p to 101p. Small gains were seen in Bymah, 2p to 403p, Easterpri Oil, 1p to 102p, Carless Capel, 2p to 60p, while Shell, on 78 1/2p and Ultramar, on 166p, both hardened 1p. Continuing talk of a bid for Stewart Wrightson, the insurance broker, was good for another 14p on the shares at 459p - a rise of 34p in two days. Citibank, the US banking and investment group, remains the market's favourite suitor. Dealers claim that Citibank is looking to extend its range of financial services in Europe and that Stewart Wrightson would make an ideal match. Some optimists were even suggesting a bid of 700p a share tomorrow, valuing the broker at £309.5 million. There were a few bright spots among the other insurance brokers, with Hogg Robinson advancing by 4p to 315p, still reflecting recently announced expansion plans, while CE Heath rose 3p to 532p and Sedgewick Group 2p to 348p. Steel Bullion Jones recovered from an early 5p fall to finish steady at 274p. But profit-taking reduced PWS International by 5p to 318p and Willis Faber by 8p to 414p. The big insurance companies enjoyed selective support, still hoping for a boost to profits from their US earnings following the recent weakness in the value of sterling. Guardian Royal Exchange was wanted, with a 7p rise to 909p, as a favoured Acorn firming 3p to 852p. Royal Insurance 2p to 849p and Commercial Union 1p to 313p. Standard Chartered continued to rally, with a 10p rise to 732p following weakness stemming from the group's successful defence against the £1.3 billion bid from Lloyds Bank. The market is now looking for a change of strategy at Standard to appease its newest shareholders, including Sir Yue-Kong Pao with 14.9 per cent, Tan Sri Khoo with 5 per cent and Mr Robert Holmes & Court's Bell Corporation with 7 per cent. Among the big four high street clearing banks, Lloyds was unchanged at 424p, while Midland expanded 2p to 547p. Barclays 2p to 524p and National Westminster 3p to 517p. Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, which made a disappointing debut last autumn, again ran into early selling. The price dipped to a fresh low of 453p, before rallying to close 1p up on the day at 456p.

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Table of recent issues including Abaco Inv (49p), Alford Pk (195p), Alumnac (150p), Arlington (115p), Ashby L (135p), B&B Design (67p), Beaverco (145p), Biral 37 1/2 (2p), Borland (125p), Brodero (145p), Campbell Armstrong (110p), Chelsea Man (125p), Costed Electronics (84p), Evans Halshaw (120p), Guthrie Corp (150p).

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet White knights turn grey in dawn light

Michael Newman has departed "amicably" from his post as chief executive of Britannia Arrow, as these financial settlements put it. The deal was a necessary part of yet another of the machinations of David Stevens, investment manager turned newspaper baron, and his chum, Robert Maxwell. Their partnership is a classic case of the lion hunting with the tiger. Poor Mr Newman was prey for both. Indeed, he welcomed them as holders of a combined stake of nearly 30 per cent of the fund management group, which is also the present owner of Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, since his main preoccupation at the time was to fend off the takeover bid from Guinness Peat. Once part two of the strategy - to inject MIM, which was run by Mr Stevens but owned by Aetna Life - had been completed, Mr Newman's days were numbered. The process may be seen as altruism on Mr Newman's part, albeit compensated altruism, since Britannia Arrow's shares rose 3p to 143p yesterday compared with Guinness Peat's cash alternative of 137p. It is, however, more likely to have been an example of an increasingly frequent phenomenon: white knights who turn out to be a good deal more lustful once they have saved the damsel from the distress of the

COMPANY NEWS

BT: Mr FW Buckley, the chairman, says in his annual statement that the current year has started well and prospects are good. BROWN & TAWSE: Mr S Douglas Rae, the chairman, says in his annual statement that, although demand for steel products shows little sign of strengthening, the prospects for pipeline equipment and industrial products are more favourable. MCMULLEN AND SONS: Half-year to March 29. Interim dividend 45p, payable on July 18. Turnover £12.35 million (£11.36 million). Pre-tax profit £1.68 million (£1.28 million). MOORGATE INVESTMENT TRUST: Total dividend raised to 14.2p (11.5p) for the year to May 31. Pre-tax revenue £398,000 (£300,000). Earnings per share 14.78p (12.11p). BRITISH KIDNEY PATIENT ASSOCIATION INVESTMENT TRUST: Half-year to June 30. Pre-tax earnings £34,997 (£27,212). Earnings per share 3.99p (3.08p). BELHAVEN BREWERY: The board has been informed by Vinnai Group UK that the sale of 4 million ordinary shares in Belhaven to Establishment Novedil was at 65p per share.

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WALL STREET

Bright start for Dow

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares jumped in early trading yesterday, though trading was cautious after the setting that cut 140 points off the Dow Jones industrial average in two weeks. The Dow was up 11.39 points at 1,780.09. Advancing issues led declining issues on a margin of two to one on 24 million shares traded. IBM edged 1/4 higher to 136 in a hesitant start after a seven-point drop in the previous two days.

Table with columns for stock symbols and prices. Includes sections for 'Oil', 'Coal', and 'Gas' with various company names and their respective market values.

Australia boosts Victoria Carpet to record profit

COMPANY NEWS

Pretax profits of Victoria Carpet Holdings, which is based at Kidderminster, Worcestershire, climbed by 48 per cent to a best-ever £1.73 million in the year to March 30. The board explains that this record was thanks to splendid results in Australia. Turnover rose from £25.41 million to £29.13 million and the dividend is being boosted by 25 per cent to 2.5p - also a record - with cover marginally higher than last time. It will be paid on October 3. Earnings per share expanded from 12.35p to 16.52p.

The board reports that although borrowings are down to a relatively low level, continuing high interest rates in Australia make it necessary to retain profits there to meet capital expenditure. Despite the state of the economy, the

Brasay, which is based at Wednesbury, West Midlands, is paying a total dividend of 2.25p for the 53 weeks to May 3, 1986, on capital increased by last year's one-for-three rights issue. A total of 2p was paid for 1984-85. On turnover up from £22.31 million to £24.53 million, pretax profits climbed from £860,000 to £1.31 million. Earnings per share, on a weighted average, dipped from 9.21p to 9.16p. The board is proposing a one-for-one scrip issue.

Australian company has made a satisfactory start, although at an inevitably lower level. In Britain, the first quarter has shown an improvement over the previous year, with a continuing effort to increase margins and productivity.

NATIONAL: Truwood now holds, or has acceptances for, 24.03 million Aitken Hume shares (52.6 per cent). In addition, acceptances for 692,500 shares (1.5 per cent) have been received which are not yet capable of inclusion as valid acceptances. The offer is unconditional as to acceptances.

REX WILLIAMS LEISURE: The company is to purchase Countrend for 2 million ordinary shares from Mr K J Eacock and Mr T H Francis. They will retain 1.575 million

MARKHEATH SECURITIES: The company is reporting for the 15 months to March 31, 1986, compared with the previous 12 months. Total dividend, as forecast, 2.68p (9.75p) on capital increased by a one-for-one rights issue. Pretax profit £1.44 million, compared with the forecast of not less than £1.4 million and a loss of £2.39 million for 1984. Turnover £16.5 million (£4.8 million). Earnings per share 3.68p (loss of 7.80p on the old capital).

FREDERICK COOPER: The company has conditionally agreed to acquire ABT Hardware and Speedcraft Security Products for an initial consideration of 771,876 ordinary shares, worth about £980,000.

HUNTING PETROLEUM SERVICES: The Paris-based subsidiary, Fretoil, has brought Interpec for 17.62 million francs (£1.64 million) in cash. Interpec, based in Paris, imports and distributes equipment used in

Francis Sumner has agreed to buy Astra Holdings, a Kent-based pyrotechnics and fireworks group. It will issue 64 new ordinary shares for every Astra ordinary, up to a total of 24.73 million shares. Based on 24p, the price at which Sumner shares were suspended last Friday, the offer values Astra at £5.9 million and each Astra share at 51.2p. The boards believe that a combination of the financial resources of Sumner and the business activities of Astra will provide an excellent base from which to develop the enlarged group.

WESSANEN: Agreement has been reached on the acquisition for cash of John E Cain of Massachusetts, which makes a wide range of food products. It has an annual turnover of about £4.2 million (£26.5 million). With the inclusion of Cain, Wessanen's annual turnover in the US will comfortably exceed \$500 million.

JAMES FERGUSON HOLDINGS: The company is to buy - subject to shareholders' approval - Bartow Clowes and Partners, a specialist gifts manager, based in Throgmorton Street, London. The price will be £20,000 initially, plus a deferred consideration based on profits.

UNION DISCOUNT: Interim dividend unchanged at 11p, payable Sept. 3. The board reports that the overall trading performance for the first six months of this year has been excellent.

CANADIAN PRICES

Table listing Canadian prices for various commodities and stocks, including items like Wheat, Soybeans, and various metal prices.

Dixons should light up again for Christmas

Dixons' shares are still suffering from disappointment after failing to win Woolworth and from uncertainty over the future of the 5.2 per cent stake in its erstwhile bid target. An early placing seems the most likely course.

The shares were 370p before the bid, but closed yesterday at 326p up 4p on the day. The announcement of pretax profits in 1985-86 of £78.1 million and extra-ordinary costs of £12.8 million merely confirmed what had already been said. What will happen this year is more interesting.

Sales are well ahead with 29 per cent growth in the first six weeks, the stores expansion programme is accelerating and profits from financial services are set to rise.

Dixons will spend £59 million this year, compared with less than £40 million last year, on 60 new Dixons stores (a 15 per cent increase in space), 30 new Currys (9 per cent more space) and at least 10 new Power City stores (50 per cent more space).

Net debt to equity was down to 15 per cent at the year-end from 91 per cent after the Currys acquisition. At the end of this year Dixons should be in a net cash position, despite the higher level of capital expenditure.

It should also earn more money from its profit sharing arrangement in Club 24, the consumer credit operation owned by Next, and from its extended guarantee insurance business, which from this month will be reinsured within the group.

Profits this year, according to Scrimgeour Vickers, should rise to £102.5 million, giving a prospective p/e ratio of just over 17. The rating is in line with the prospective stores index, but does not reflect Dixons' outstanding success of the past few years.

The shares should start to recover over the next few months and, according to Dixons fans in the City, should hit 400p before Christmas.

Steel 'on way to £200m profits'

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Britain's newly profitable state-owned steel industry should reach its target of a pre-tax profit of £200m within the next three to five years, Mr Robert Scholey, the chairman, told MPs yesterday.

Mr Scholey, appearing before the Commons Select Committee on Trade and Industry, said that such a level of earnings, before financing charges, was essential if the British Steel Corporation was to be able to fund its capital investment programme.

This year the corporation plans to spend £225 million and thereafter at the rate of about £200 million a year, mostly on modernization projects aimed at improving efficiency and supporting product development.

Mr Scholey emphasized that privatization of the BSC was not a priority. The central aim was to be free of state aid - which ended in the case of the BSC, but not of some of its European competitors at the end of last year - and to continue on a profitable route.

He did, however, oppose piecemeal sale of the corporation's businesses, particularly if the steelmaking activity was deprived of its outlets.

Mr Scholey was adamant that the BSC did not want any more Government financial aid. If the BSC was profitable and really free from state aid, then Britain's political position in Europe was strengthened, he said.

While the BSC has pledged to keep open its five integrated steelworks, including Ravenscraig in Lanarkshire, for another three years, Mr Scholey said the corporation would prefer to operate from fewer sites. Thyssen of West

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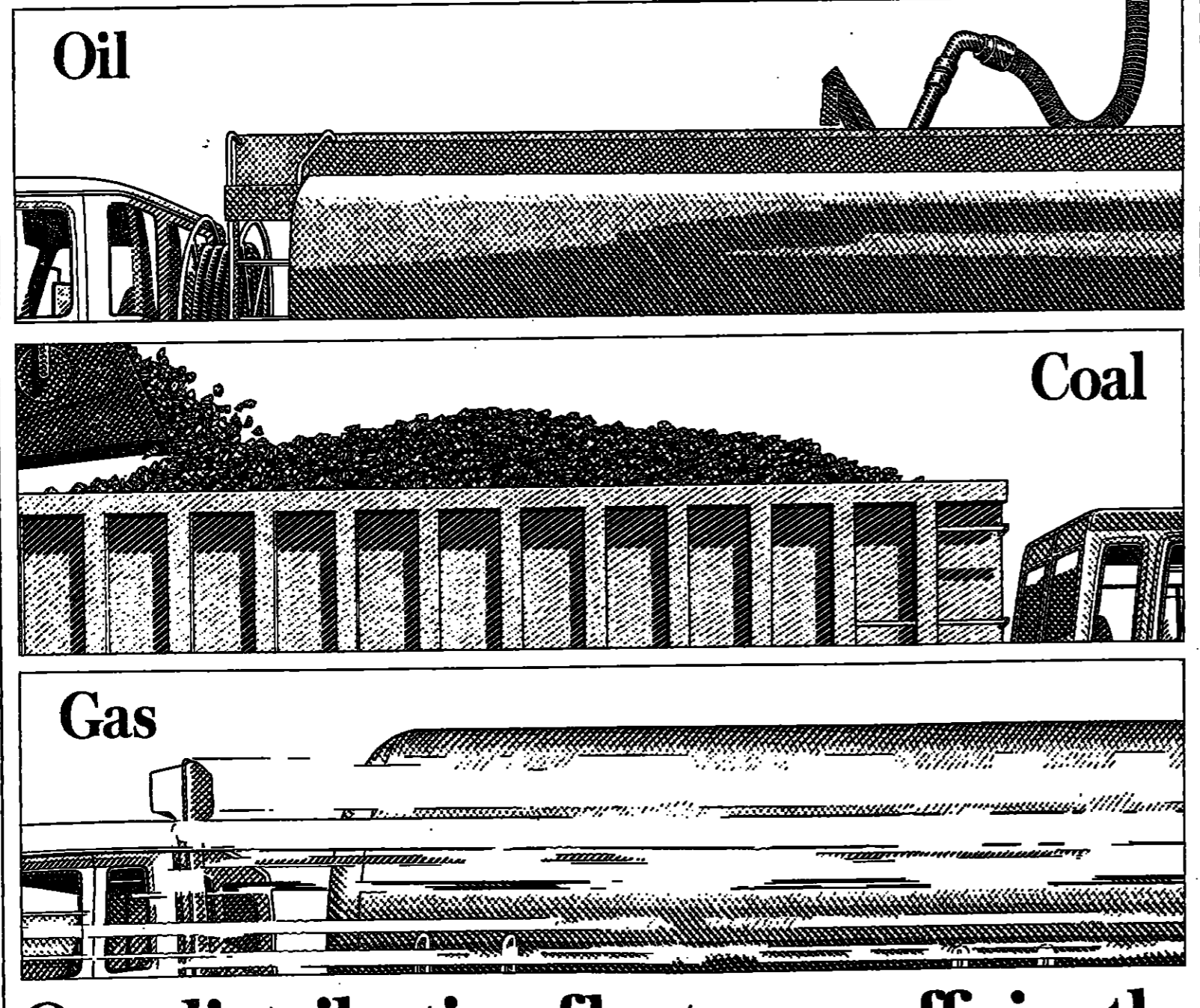
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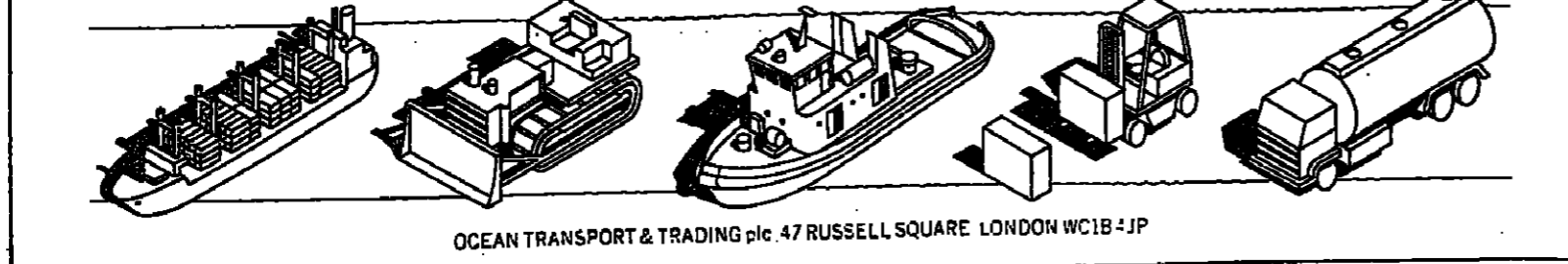
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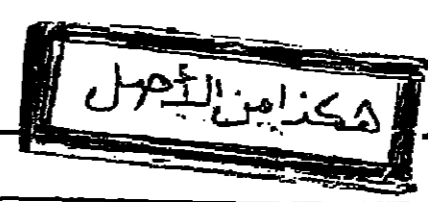
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Strike supporters win pension point

Povey and Another v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another
Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Sir Denys Buckley.
(Judgment given July 16)

For the purposes of regulation CIA of the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1509), a person who was voluntarily absent from duty in support of a strike was absent from duty "during and in consequence of" a trade dispute, even though he was not directly involved in the trade dispute between the striking employees and the employer. Accordingly, he was entitled to exercise the right given by that regulation to retain the day lost as reckonable service for the purpose of pension rights by the payment of an additional sum of money over the normal rate of contribution.

The Court of Appeal so stated in an appeal against the decision of the arbitrator. The arbitrator, Mr John Povey and Mrs Lois Stephens, had found in favour of the Secretary of State for the Environment, who had refused to pay the additional sum of money over the normal rate of contribution.

The arbitrator's decision was set aside. The Court of Appeal held that a person who was voluntarily absent from duty in support of a strike was absent from duty "during and in consequence of" a trade dispute, even though he was not directly involved in the trade dispute between the striking employees and the employer. Accordingly, he was entitled to exercise the right given by that regulation to retain the day lost as reckonable service for the purpose of pension rights by the payment of an additional sum of money over the normal rate of contribution.

Lord Justice O'Connor said that the arbitrator's decision was based on a misunderstanding of the meaning of regulation CIA of the 1981 Regulations. He said that the arbitrator had found that the applicants were not persons to whom the regulation applied and that, therefore, they could not retain the day lost on payment of the sum due.

At the request of the applicants the minister decided to state a special case for determination by the High Court. The case posed the question whether on the facts found by him the secretary of state was entitled to decide that the applicants' absence from duty was not in consequence of a trade dispute within the meaning of regulation CIA of the 1981 Regulations.

Lord Justice O'Connor said that if it were for him to apply the law to the facts of the case and to decide if he would have come to a different conclusion, he would have decided that the applicants had been absent from duty on June 23, 1982 in consequence of a trade dispute. But the judge decided that his own view of the facts was irrelevant because the minister had correctly directed himself in law and was entitled to decide that in all the circumstances there was no causal connection between the applicants' absence from duty and the trade dispute.

The regulation on its face imported no element of discretion in the application of the regulation to a person to whom it applied. His Lordship found the case difficult.

The applicants and the union wished to obtain a ruling that the views as to the proper construction of the regulation as indicated in the formulation of the case were wrong; in particular, the proposition that because absence from duty was voluntary it was incapable of being in consequence of a trade dispute.

Having regard, however, to the way in which the reason for the proposed determination by the minister were set out in the case, the question was whether that proposed determination was itself a decision of law and, if it was, whether it was right in law.

His Lordship was driven to the conclusion that the proposed determination by the minister was wrong in law. The appeal should be allowed and the court should answer the question in the case by saying that on the facts found by him the minister was not entitled to decide that the applicants' absence from duty was not in consequence of a trade dispute. His Lordship's reasons for reaching that conclusion were thus:

His Lordship would start with the absence from duty and ask what were the causes of it? One cause was the existence of the trade dispute.

It led the TUC to ask Nalgo to show support by means of a token withdrawal of labour. The union advised but did not instruct the applicants to withdraw labour on June 23, 1982 in order to show that support. The applicants were absent on that day because they each chose to follow that advice.

There were other causes of the absence from duty as appeared from the findings of fact. One was the request by the TUC to Nalgo for a show of support. Another was the acceptance of that request by Nalgo and the giving of advice by Nalgo to their members. Yet another cause was the separate decision made by each applicant to act on that advice and stay away from work.

Parliament had approved regulation CIA, which afforded the right to retain as reckonable days lost by absence "in consequence of" a trade dispute, and provided that it was im-

Court is able to correct trivial error

In re Willaire Systems plc
Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Kerr and Sir Denys Buckley.
(Judgment given July 16)

Where a resolution for the reduction of a company's capital contained a latent error of an insignificant character so that no one could be prejudiced by its correction, the court had either a statutory power under section 137 of the Companies Act 1985 or an inherent power to confirm the reduction of capital in a form or upon terms which would correct the error.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Stuart Ferry Willison, from an order dated March 7, 1986 of Mr Justice Mervyn Davies staying all further proceedings on the applicant's originating motion on the ground that it disclosed no reasonable cause of action against the company, Willaire Systems plc and against Solidfact Management Ltd.

Mr John Lindsay, QC and Mr John Bristy for the applicant; Miss Mary Arden, QC for Willaire and Mr Michael Todd for Solidfact.

SIR DENYS BUCKLEY said that the company, which dealt in air conditioning and allied equipment experienced financial difficulties and the applicant became anxious to arrange a reorganization of its capital and the injection of some new money.

He had discussions with a business associate and those resulted in the issue in May 1985 to shareholders of a circular containing proposals for a rights issue of new ordinary shares of the company and a

reduction of the company's capital.

For the purpose of implementing certain proposals to achieve that, the circular incorporated a notice of an extraordinary general meeting of the company for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing two resolutions which were set out.

Unhappily the draftsman of the notice misstated the number of existing unissued ordinary shares as 2,073,430 instead of the correct figure of 2,073,417, and misstated the number of issued ordinary shares as 14,926,580 instead of the correct figure of 14,926,563. The trouble arose from that minute error.

The special resolution which was set out in the notice contained paragraphs (A) to (G) and the error was contained in paragraph (E).

The extraordinary general meeting took place on May 29, 1985 when the special resolution was passed in the terms of the notice and the applicant voted in favour of it. The rights issue was implemented in due course.

Further to negotiations which had taken place with the business associate, the applicant renounced 3,600,000 of the rights issue shares in favour of Solidfact, who was in due course registered as the owner of the shares and had paid for them.

It was those shares in respect of which the applicant by originating motion sought rectification of the company's register by deleting the name of Solidfact and substituting his own as the owner of the shares.

When the errors in the figures contained in the special resolution came to light, the company was advised that it was

"necessary" for a further special resolution to be passed, and a further extraordinary general meeting was convened for that purpose on February 3, 1986.

At that meeting special resolutions were passed to precisely the same effect as before save that the previous errors were corrected.

Those new resolutions were all passed, the voting being conducted on the register as it then stood, namely, including the rights issue shares.

The applicant asserted that if he had been allowed to vote in respect of his full entitlement of shares prior to the implementation of the rights issue, that is, if the voting had been conducted as if no rights issue had yet been made, he would have been in a position to block the special resolution as he would have had more than 25 per cent of the votes cast at the meeting.

The only question before the judge was whether the applicant was bound to fail on his claim to rectification, based as it was on an assertion that the special resolution of May 1985 was without effect.

The essential feature of the applicant's case was that paragraphs (A) to (G) of the special resolution constituted one indivisible composite resolution which was ineffective in its entirety by reason of the fact that paragraph (E) was ineffective.

By a respondent's notice served out of time in the Court of Appeal, the company contended that the special resolution of May 1985 was severable so that if paragraph (E) was defective it was capable of being severed from the rest of the resolution; and that the resolution should be construed in the light of the factual situation as to the amount of the company's issued and unissued share capital at the date of the circular and that so construed the resolution was of full force and effect.

Section 137 of the Companies Act 1985 provided that the court might make an order confirming a reduction of capital "on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit".

If upon investigation it became apparent to the court that the resolution under consideration contained some latent error of so insignificant a character that no one could be prejudiced by its correction, and if it was clear how it should be corrected, there was no doubt that the court had either the statutory power or an inherent power to confirm the reduction of capital in a form or upon terms which would correct the error.

It was unnecessary and unreasonable to require the company in the present case to incur the considerable expense of obtaining a corrective special resolution as in fact it did in February 1986.

Therefore paragraph (E) of the special resolution of May 1985 was not ineffective and the resolution was not incapable of confirmation. Reading the circular as a whole, it was manifestly ridiculous to suppose that it could have been intended to leave three issued shares unaffected.

The applicant was bound to fail upon the originating motion.

Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice O'Connor agreed.

Solicitors: Pennings Ward Bowles for Bridgeman Morris, Bedford, Clifford-Turner.

Lands Tribunal can award interest in subsidence claim

Knibb and Another v National Coal Board
Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Gidewell.
(Judgment given July 11)

The Lands Tribunal had jurisdiction to award interest when resolving a dispute over compensation payable under the Coal Mining (Subsidence) Act 1957.

The Court of Appeal so held. Lord Justice Nourse dissenting, in dismissing the National Coal Board's appeal by case stated from the determination of the Lands Tribunal (Mr J. H. Emlyn Jones FRICS) on November 16, 1984 of the amount of compensation payable to the claimants, John Stanley Knibb and Nancy Knibb, following subsidence damage to their bungalow caused by mining.

On a cross-appeal by the claimants, the court held that interest should accrue from the date when the cause of action arose, and not the later date of the board's election to pay compensation rather than to execute remedial works.

Mr Anthony Furnell, QC and Mr Guy Roots for the board; Mr Nigel Wilkinson for the claimants.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that under section 4 of the 1957 Act the primary obligation of the board was to execute remedial works, but it had the right to elect instead to make a payment to the claimants equal to the reasonable cost of such works or, if less, to the depreciation in value of the claimant's property.

Section 13(1) provided that "in default of agreement" any dispute under the Act should be referred to the county court where the rateable value of the damaged property was less than £100 and in any other case to the Lands Tribunal (in Scotland, the sheriff).

It was important, first, that the county court, as a court of record, had power to award interest where the claim was for recovery of a debt or damages. Furthermore, the phrase "in default of agreement" was interpreted to mean that the language of arbitration and was not to cover not only agreement but also any matter in dispute but also an agreement to resolve such a dispute by consensual arbitration.

So far as arbitrators were concerned, the House of Lords in *President of India v La Pindara Compania Navigacion SA* ([1985] AC 104) concluded that, like the courts, they had no general common-law power en-

Single payment limit

Vaughan v Social Security Adjudication Officer

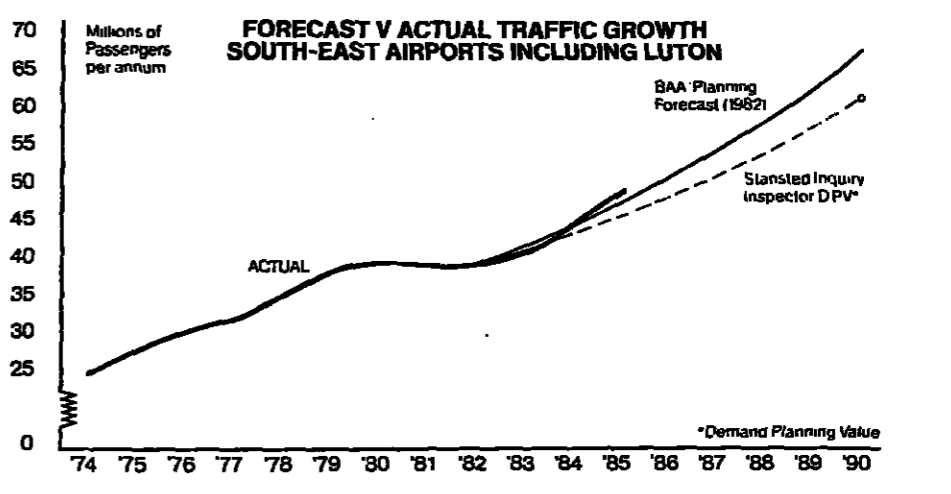
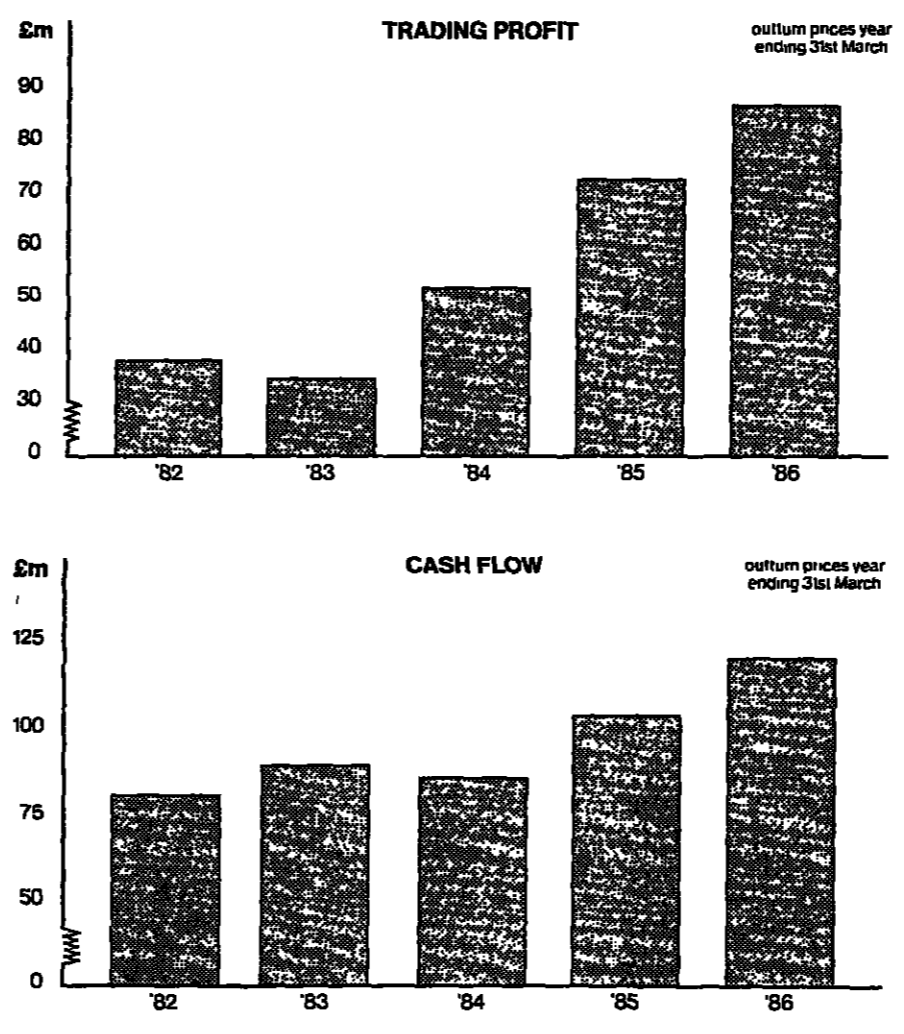
The words "single payment to meet an exceptional need" in sections 1(1) and 3(1) of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 were not apt to cover a regular, recurring need, but were limited to exceptional expenditure on a single occasion or on several occasions over a limited period.

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Gidewell) so held on

July 16, dismissing an appeal by the claimant, John William Vaughan, from the decision of the Social Security Commissioner, on appeal from the Social Security Adjudication Officer, that the claimant, who was unemployed and in receipt of supplementary benefit, was not, following his divorce, entitled in addition to a series of single payments under section 1(1) of the 1976 Act to cover the cost of conveying his two children from the home of his ex-wife, who had custody, to his own, seven miles away, for the purposes of weekend access.

Solicitors: Mr R. V. Cowles for Mr J. G. Tyrrell, Eastwood; Alan Jay & Co for Anderson & Co, Nottingham.

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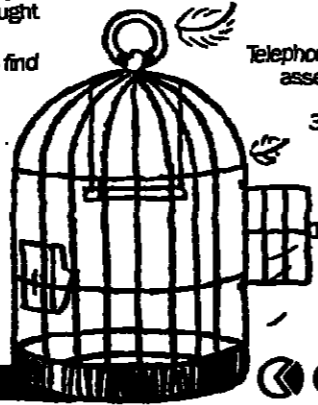
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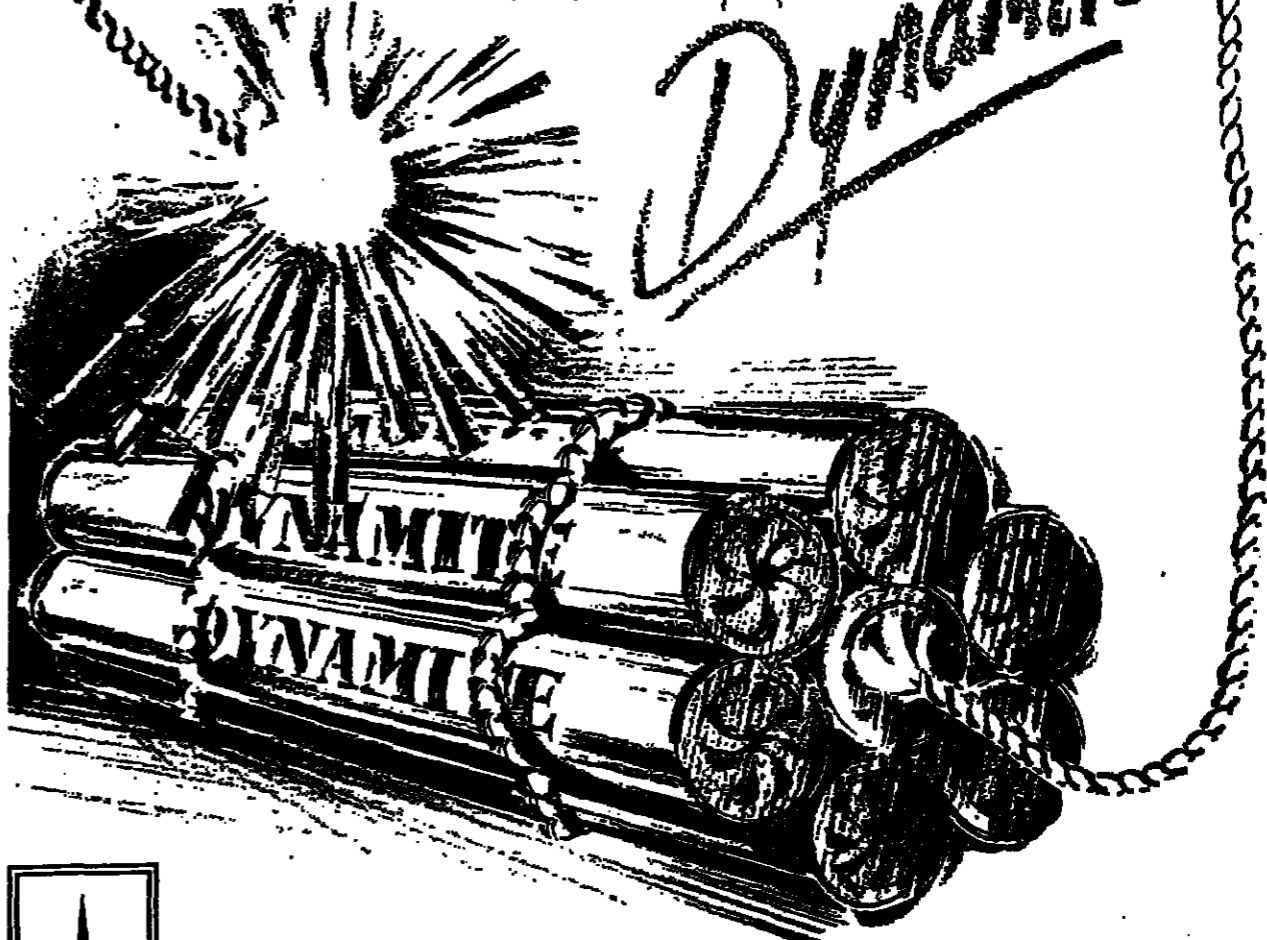
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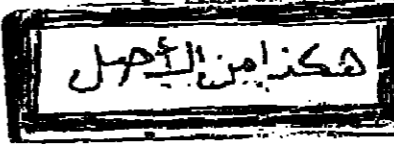
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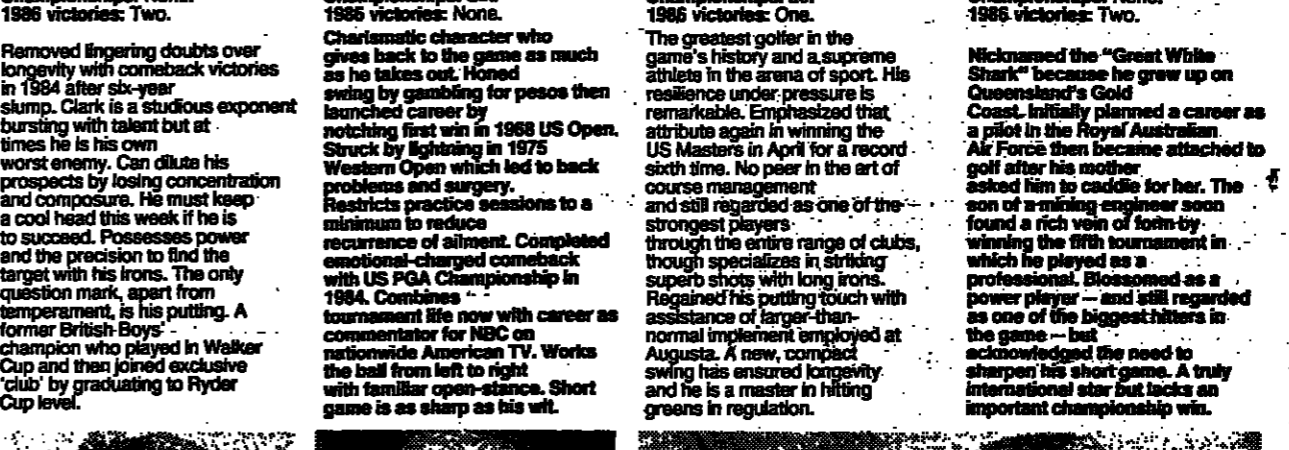
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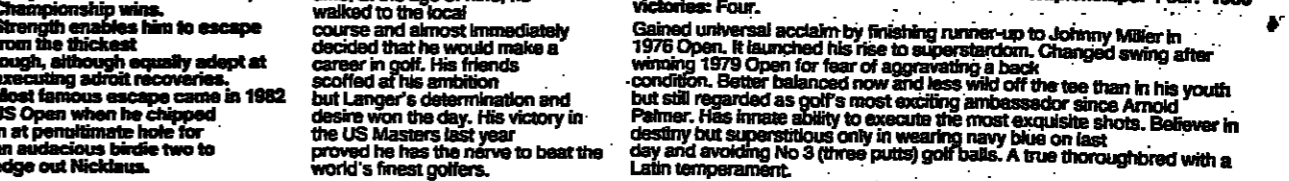
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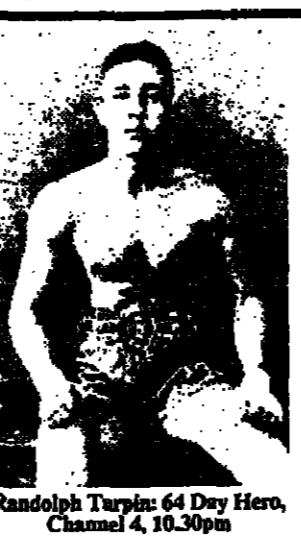
Today's television and radio programmes

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ATHLETICS Another 800m race for Crum... FOOTBALL Bingham takes on two jobs... could one

BBC 1 6.50 Ceefax AM... 6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Guy Maura

TV-AM 6.15 Good Morning Britain... Diamond and Nick Owen... with Geoff Meade



Randolph Turpin: 64 Day Hero, Channel 4, 10.30pm

ITV LONDON 9.25 Thames news headlines... 10.35 Island Wildlife... the formation and decline of the Irish boglands

1.00 News After Noon with Frances Covardale and Moira Stuart... 4.15 The 420 Dexterity and Muttley Cartoon

5.00 John Craven's Newsaround 5.10 Duncan Dares... 6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Andrew Harvey

6.35 London Plus presented by John Stapleton... 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mike Smith

7.30 EastEnders... Hannah has problems with her daughter, Cassie... 8.00 Body Matters

8.25 Les and Dustin's Laughing Show... 9.00 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey

BBC 2 9.00 Ceefax... 1.00 Golf: The Open. Steve Rider introduces coverage of the first round

1.45 Ceefax... 4.10 Golf: The Open. Further coverage from Turnberry... 7.35 The Red Arrows

8.15 The Reporter Gerry... Northern investigations how and when plastic bullets would be used by the police

9.00 The 1986 Tour of France... Stage 14 - Luchon to Blagnac... 10.30 Channel Four news

10.15 The Making Waves... first of a new series of the magazine programme about all forms of waterborne transport

10.45 Newsnight... the latest national and international news including extended coverage of the day

CHANNEL 4 2.15 Their Lordships' House... 3.20 Film: Chess a Crooked Shadow

4.10 Versailles... A short, made in 1987 by Albert Lamorisse... 4.30 Dancin' Days

5.00 Film: Sergeant Madden... 7.00 Channel Four news... 7.50 Comment

8.00 All the Prime Minister's Men... 9.00 Moonlighting

9.30 What If It's Raining?... 10.30 Film: 64 Day Hero

CHOICE Everywhere, there are echoes of Citizen Kane... The investigator - in Rosso's film it is the novelist Gordon Williams

Radio 4 On long wave, VHF variations at end... 5.55 Shipping... 6.30 Brain of Britain

7.00 News... 7.05 The Archers... 7.20 The Archers

8.00 The Book and the Broom... 8.30 Barry Fortson's Chinese Horoscopes

8.45 The Book and the Broom... 9.00 Morning Story

9.15 Financial Market Tonight... 10.00 News... 10.45 An Act of Worship

Radio 3 On medium wave, VHF variations at end... 7.05 Concert: Rossini

8.00 Nash Ensemble... 8.10 Can a Horse Laugh?

8.15 Nash Ensemble... 8.30 Nash Ensemble

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Radio 1 News on the half-hour... 6.00am until 8.30pm then at 10.30 and 12.00 midnight

World Service 6.00 Newswatch... 6.30 News Network

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High hopes as Lyle walks to gallows

By Mitchell Platts

Sandy Lyle will step on to the first tee at Turnberry today with the eagerness of a man going to the gallows...

The problem is that the Open remains an elusive prize. Jack Nicklaus is the greatest golfer in the world but he has returned home on only three occasions as the champion...

Lyle is a proud man and he would be thoroughly disgusted with himself if he became a victim of the halfway gallows...

Tony Jacklin, the last British player to win the Open before Lyle's success at Royal St George's a year ago, thrilled his supporters at St Andrews in 1970 when he went to the turn in 29...

Jacklin's defence that year continued an era when he dominated the Open Championship. He might have won the coveted prize on three occasions but he has settled into retirement with the one winning memory...

Lyle wants more than that. He fits the requirements of a modern knight because he is mentally as well as physically strong. His game is never

straight-jacketed by pressure. He possesses the heart of a lion and the willingness of a shire horse.

multiplies with each passing year without another victory. There is no doubt that the talent remains, especially with such artists as Watson, but the mind agonises as the self-doubt erodes the confidence.

It is often only when the pleasure of victory becomes a distant memory that some golfers can recapture the knack of winning, which he has so consistently emerged as a contender but undeniable evidence that no one player can any longer dominate the Open.

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credit - the first was at Carnoustie in 1975 - and another this week will enable him to equal the record of six held by Harry Vardon.

Whether Watson has escaped from the torment of losing such a chance at St Andrews two years ago, when he was palpably destroyed by Severiano Ballesteros, will again be examined.

The problem is that the cycle of a champion can be as brief as it is brilliant. Arnold Palmer, sadly missing this year, won his seven championships in a six-year span. Watson won his eight between 1975 and 1983.

When a golfer has elevated himself to the position of proven champion the pressure

is so doing they have momentarily silenced the arena not to have won a big championship. Yet he is leading the money list in the US this season, which is no mean feat considering that Bob Tway, of the US, is enjoying a marvellous season with three victories.

Yet in spite of the claims of such worthy contenders as Andy Bean and Fuzzy Zoeller, and of the Britons, Howard Clark and Sam Torrance, there can be little doubt that Ballesteros will be the man to beat when the 115th championship begins.

Ballesteros has not won a big championship since he collected the Open for a second time with his success at St Andrews in 1984. Even so, he comes into this tournament as the winner of his last four and with his confidence as high as it has ever been.

"Confidence alone does not win championships," Ballesteros said. "But I have to believe that my form at the moment is so good that I must have a recent chance of winning. For me the biggest opponent will be the golf course itself."

If the wind howls, as it did yesterday, there will be no shortage of casualties. Lyle, however, is determined that he will not be one of them and that by Sunday evening, if he is not the champion again, he will have at least acquitted himself to the best of his ability. Nobody can ask for more.

American critics who were becoming increasingly agitated by the lack of success of their countrymen while the power of European golf gathered strength with the exploits of Bernhard Langer, Ballesteros and Lyle. Moreover, 12 weary players returned to the United States last September without the Ryder Cup for the first time since 1957.

Great test for a modern knight of Ailsa Course for action engages Norman

By Mitchell Platts

Sandy Lyle was an amateur on the only previous occasion that Turnberry was employed as an Open championship venue, in 1977. He turned professional later that year, then, two years later, emphasized his ability to graduate to the highest level in the game when he won the European Open on the Ailsa course.

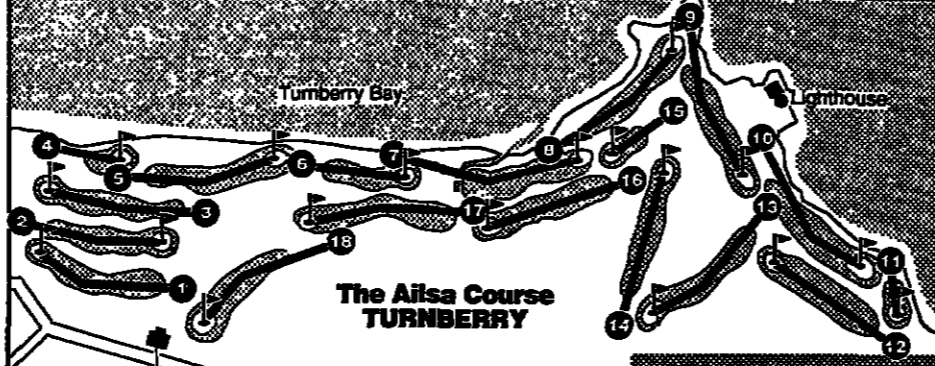
Today, Lyle is the Open champion. To assist his defence of the title he has the benefit of knowing that he has won on the course. "As a past winner at Turnberry I am bound to say that I like the Ailsa course," said Lyle. "But it is a fact that I regard it as one of the best courses in the country. The strength of the wind, of course, will determine how difficult it plays this week. But there is a mass of undergrowth and the inevitable gorse bushes to help protect the course. There are a number of very fine holes, many of which are potential card-wrecking ones. It provides a thorough examination."

requisitioned for a second time - it had been a training station for pilots from 1914 to 1919 - at the start of the Second World War by the Air Ministry.

The countryside had been scarred by battle long before the evolution of golf, as Robert the Bruce landed on this craggy stretch of coastline on the Firth of Clyde to begin his conquest.

Turnberry was founded as a golf venue in 1903, and by 1909 there were two 13-hole courses. The changing times are reflected by an extract from a booklet, entitled *Tales of Tradition from Turnberry*, that was produced in the early part of the century: "At Turnberry, below the broken walls of what was once an impregnable castle and where now the lighthouse flashes forth its warning, instead of the beacon flare that told of raiders off the coast, the golf greens stretch - o'er what was once the castle chase. Here, plus fours are seen instead of glittering armour in tourney or in foray, and golf balls fly across the ground where hawking parties merrily rode out."

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Champion's view of the Open course

- Hole 1 Ailsa Craig: Not a particularly difficult opening hole and a birdie opportunity. Could play as short as a one-iron and a wedge. Degree of Difficulty (out of 10): 5. Hole 2 Mak Sillar: A difficult driving hole. Often plays downwind, making it easier, but you must think ahead. If pin is on right, vital to drive left side of fairway. DD: 6 (if wind against, 7).

Table with 5 columns: Hole, Yards, Par, and scores for various players. Total scores for 18 holes are listed at the bottom.

Course for action engages Norman

By John Hennessy

Greg Norman, never a man to shrink a controversial issue, gave a new slant to the debate over the condition of the Turnberry course for the Open championship.

He thought it quite likely that a player might damage a wrist in trying to rescue a wayward shot off the fairway and it might be possible that the R & A could be held responsible in law.

so far held, the Masters and the United States Open. The severity of Turnberry, he thinks, reduces the number of possible winners to "12-15." The course was the harshest test of golf he had ever experienced, especially now that the wind had arrived. A score of 292, 12 over par, or even 295, could be good enough to win. Earlier in the week Ballesteros had talked optimistically about four or five under par.

There had been much comment, Norman said, about the difficulties of the United States Open last month, "but Turnberry made Shimrock Hills look like Augusta. Sometimes you can't see anywhere to drive out there. Allowing for the wind, the fairways realistically were sometimes only eight to ten yards wide."

Michael Bonallack, secretary of the R & A, seemed rather less than worried stiff at the prospect. "We do not force them to play," he said. "It is like deciding whether or not to play out of a bush." All the same he would check the R & A insurance policy. They were "indemnified for anything you could think of," but he was not sure if anyone had thought about a player doing himself a mischief in the way that Norman had suggested.

But such is his self-confidence and such is the quality of his golf nowadays that you know he would back himself against allcomers in any conditions. And with good reason.

Budd is not yet out of running

By David Miller

The typists employed by the Commonwealth Games Federation would appear to work inordinately slowly. How else could it take the federation three days to produce the details of their decision on Sunday that Zoltan Budd and Annette Coker were ineligible for the Edinburgh Games?

There must have been notes taken, so it is only a matter of producing a typed script and taking it by hand from one Edinburgh office to another to comply with the English council's request for a full, immediate explanation.

The truth, next one suggests, is probably that David Dixon, the federation secretary, is having difficulty presenting the decision taken by Peter Healy, the federation chairman, together with S S Rao, the legal adviser from Kenya, and himself, in such a way as to be convincing.

Additionally, the longer the federation can stall, the less opportunity for England to challenge the legality of the decision in the courts so that the two competitors may still take part.

Sir Arthur Gold, England's chairman, confirms that, until the situation is resolved, the submission of the two entries, must hold, as otherwise the English council would be failing in their responsibility. There is, therefore, the possibility that Budd and Coker will still be declared eligible by an English court, by whose law the federation, with registered offices in London, is bound.

Confusion in the controversy has been fuelled by a suggestion, which appears to have been given in a broadcast with Robin Day by Rao, that the federation accepted England's legal position but questioned the evidence in affidavit from the two competitors. This would be a most serious allegation.

Verdict preceded the evidence

Evidence has emerged since Sunday which reveals Healy to have been more hasty in his rush to appease the black nations of the Commonwealth, and to be suffering more deeper misconceptions, than was at first supposed.

The impromptu meeting was brought forward without notice from today to last Sunday because Healy believed the issue was central to the first withdrawal by Nigeria and Ghana; which clarity it was not. His attitude strengthened the belief that a verdict preceded the evidence.

Healy had stated that the meeting lasted six hours; yet Dick Palmer, secretary to the English council, deposited the documents with the federation at 1.15 on Sunday and a press statement was already prepared for release by around 3.0.

Immediately afterwards, the boycotting countries were notified by the federation that the obstacle in their path had been removed, extending the federation's misunderstanding of the boycott issue. They further clouded the fact of favour themselves by stating that the English council has agreed in advance to accept their decision, whatever it might be, which Sir Arthur has firmly denied to have been so.

A statesman-like stance needed

Healy, instead of scuffling like a rabbit for his burrow because he heard a gun being fired in the next field, should have been taking a statesman-like stance and warning boycotting countries of sanctions at the moment the nations who defected from Edinburgh on political grounds.

Officials from Auckland, which is committed to stage the Games in 1990, are showing understandable concern. The crisis could come during the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988 when the federation have to elect the hosts for the Commonwealth Games of 1994.

Were all African and Caribbean countries to pull out of Edinburgh, there could well be no bidders for 1994. The black nations would have forfeited, entirely through their own generosity, one of the major platforms for international sporting exposure which they enjoy courtesy of white hosts. Only once, in Jamaica in 1966, has the Games been other than in a white country.

If the English council fail to reverse the federation's decision, Healy will go down in history for having taken the wrong decision and for the wrong reasons: the ultimate capitulation. Many white people would have been happier if Zoltan Budd had not become British in the manner he did. Yet unless the law is upheld rather than expediency, even institutions is vulnerable.



Great minds thinking alike: Trevino, Watson and Nicklaus trying to unravel the secrets of the hole nicknamed 'Fin' Me Out at Turnberry

McEnroe is back

Los Angeles (Reuter) - John McEnroe will return to tennis next month, ending a six-month absence in which he became a father. McEnroe, still ranked seventh in the world, said yesterday he would play in the Stratton grand prix tournament on August 4, as a tune-up for the United States Open.

Shaping up

Tim Witherspoon yesterday denied that he was out of shape for Saturday's World Boxing Association heavyweight championship bout against Frank Bruno at Wembley Stadium. The champion, claiming he would be in the best condition of his life, said: "I think I'm in a tremendous shape. Asked to remove his shirt and reveal his waistline, he said: 'You will see it on Saturday night.'"

Sour seeds

Hanover (Reuter) - The West German Tennis Federation (DTB) have complained to the sport's governing body about their seeding for the women's Federation Cup team competition. They have found second behind the defending champions, Czechoslovakia, despite the West Germans having better world rankings.

Passarella fit

Milan (Reuter) - The Argentinean defender, Daniel Passarella, who was unable to play in the World Cup finals in Mexico because of an ulcer, is fit again, officials at his Italian club, Inter Milan, said yesterday. Passarella recently joined Inter from Fiorentina.

Bell's move

Dean Bell, the New Zealand Rugby League Test centre, has agreed to join Wigan when he completes his contract with Eastern Suburbs in Australia. Steve Halliwell, of Leigh, has signed for St Helens.

Still all-ticket

Leeds's away games next season will continue to be all-ticket matches. A request from Leeds was sanctioned by the Football Association yesterday following the success of last season's arrangements, when the Yorkshire club restricted the sale of tickets to their season-ticket holders and members of the official supporters' club.

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Turnberry tee times advertisement listing starting times for various players.

McEnroe is back advertisement featuring a photo of John McEnroe and related text.

